In New *Directions*

Football players Wesley Barrett and Brent Bailey select the choicest piece of watermelon at the annual back-to-school melonfest. James Tanksley, an ARA employee, keeps watch over the table.

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Cheerleaders David LeBlanc and Kimberly Shirley perform a major acrobatic feat for a pep rally crowd. LeBlanc, a sophomore, and Shirley, a freshman, are both from Forest.

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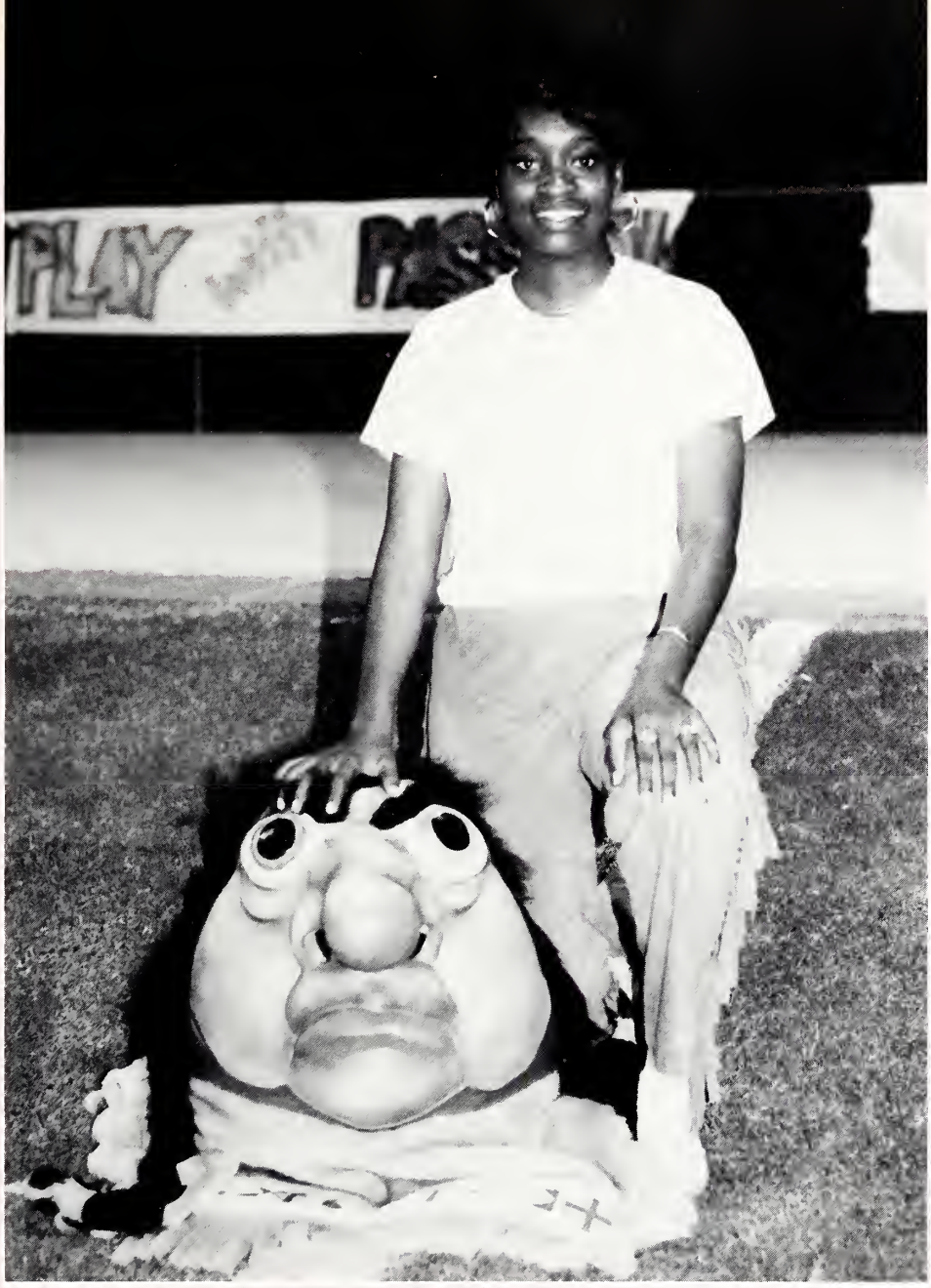

Freshman Pam Pruitt displays the new Warrior head which she wore at ballgames and pep rallies. The new Warrior image was one of many evidences that at the beginning of a new decade, East Central is going "In New Directions."

In New Directions

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For Retiring Dean
Life Takes A New Direction

No retiree could exist without a well-equipped shop, and Dr.Tucker has provided himself with that. A wide range of varying interests will keep the retiring Dean busy.

Leaving his home near the East Central campus, Dr. Brad Tucker indicates he will be available to assist the school he served for forty years.

Forty years might seem like a long time, but to East Central's retiring Dean, Brad Tucker, his forty years at East Central have passed too fast.

Coming to East Central in 1951 as an instructor in Agriculture and Forestry, Dr. Tucker's abilities were quickly recognized, and in 1960 he was appointed as Academic Dean of the College.

A 1948 graduate of East Central, Tucker received the Bachelor's, Master's, and Ed.D. Degrees from Miss. State University with additional graduate work at the University of Southern Mississippi and the University of Texas.

Although he oversees the entire academic offerings of the college, Dr. Tucker still maintains an interest in agriculture, serving as advisor to those students majoring in Agriculture.

Tucker has witnessed many changes in his forty years on the East Central campus, many of which relate to buildings. Almost all of the buildings on the campus have been either renovated or rebuilt. His first office was a tiny cubbyhole in the Old Administration Building which sat where Newton Hall now stands.

Tucker has been involved in two major projects for which he is due a great deal of credit. He served as Chairman of the Committee to work out a Common Numbering System for community colleges for fifteen years, and he has been heavily involved in the Uniform Core Curriculum Program for all universities and community colleges, a program which makes it easier for a student to transfer to another institution.

The retiring Dean and his wife Mary several years ago built a home on the outskirts of Decatur, where they plan to enjoy retirement. The Tuckers have one daughter, Beth Tartt, and three grandchildren. In retirement, Tucker plans to spend some time on his nearby farm as well as working in his yard and garden. "Mary will keep me busy," he joked. "Let's just say that I will find more to do than I'll get done."

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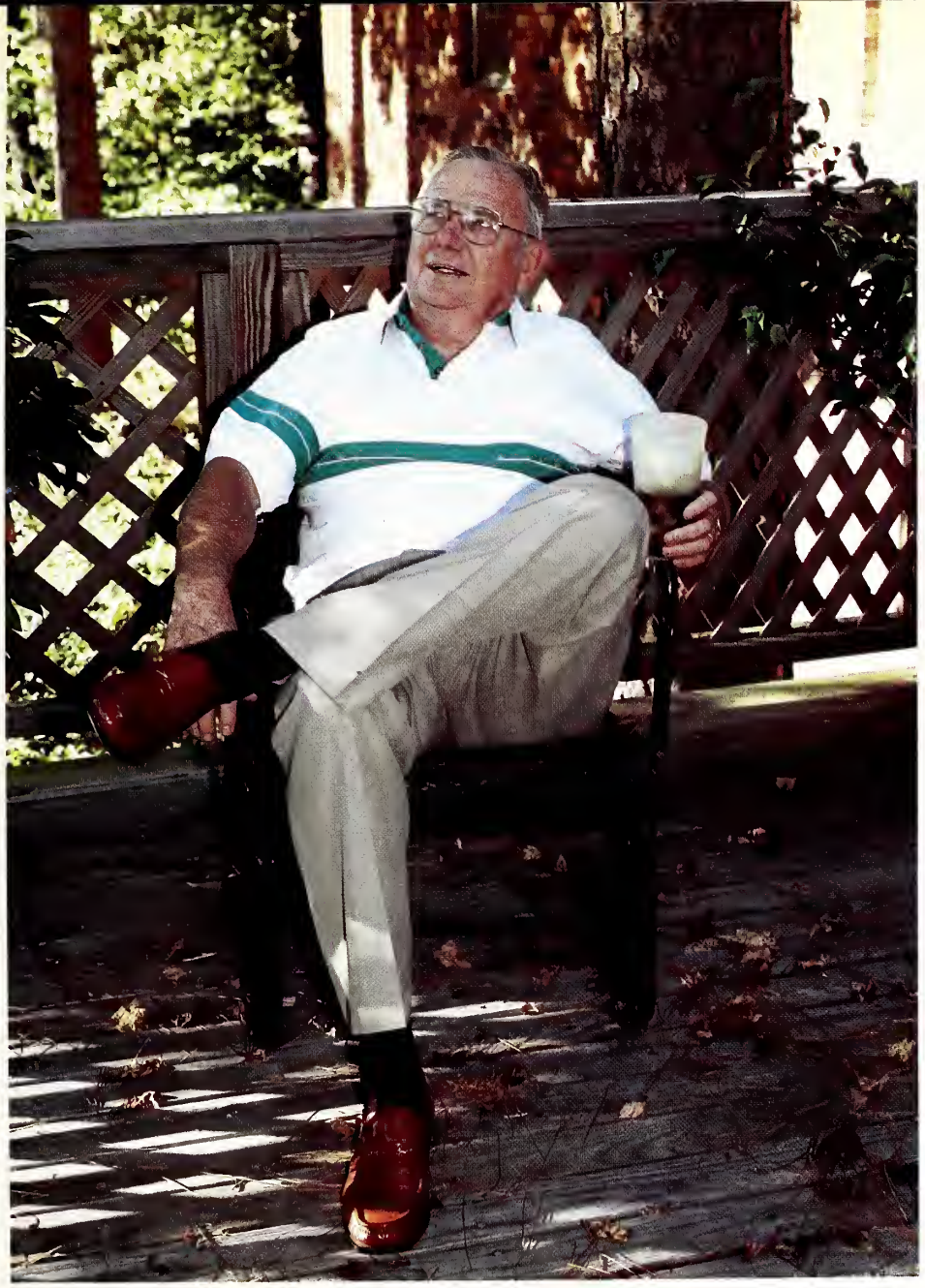


Sitting on the deck of his home, Dr. Brad Tucker contemplates the changes his life will see as he retires. Tucker retired this year after forty years at East Central.

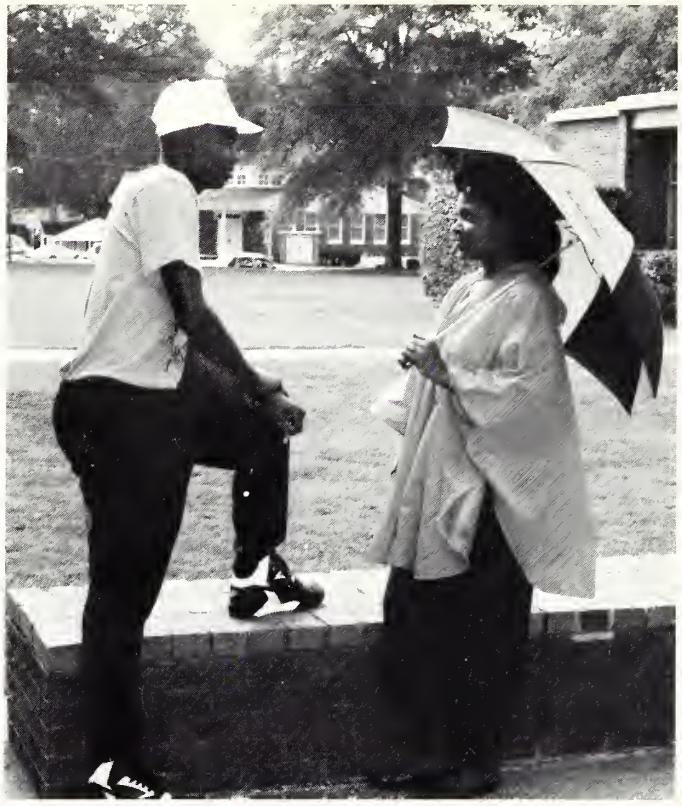
A fish pool in his back yard is just one of many projects which will occupy the new retiree's time. Here he prunes water hyacinths.

In the role he is most familiar with, Academic Dean Brad Tucker works on the annual Homecoming Program. Tucker was instrumental in increasing attendance at Homecoming during the past few years.

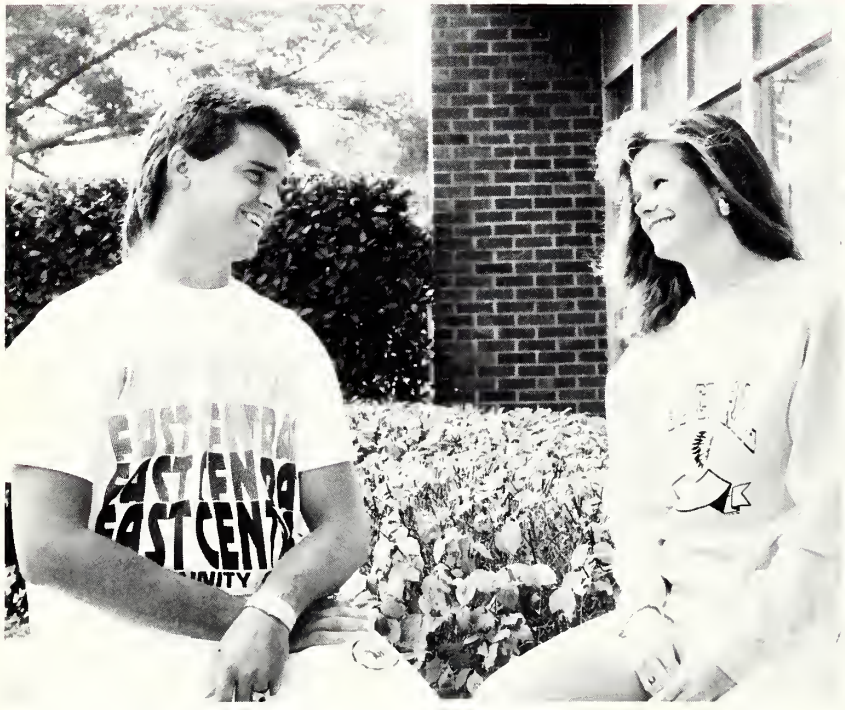
"I will miss faculty members and involvement with students, but I'm looking forward to retirement."

"I've always loved the outdoors, and perhaps now I'll have time to hunt, fish, garden, and manage my two-and-a-quarter acre yard."

"I have worked under five of East Central's six presidents, and I suppose I am the only person who can say that."



Renessa Barton is ready for rain with her EC rain gear. Mark Stribling is more optimistic about the weather and is wearing his EC warmups and tee-shirt.



Sophomore class president Brian Cooper chats with Angie Alderman. Brian is wearing the popular drop-tail EC shirt and walking shorts while Angie has chosen a warm EC sweatshirt.

EC fashions come in different forms and are found everywhere. Centralettes Melanie Wilcher and Linda Kelly prepare for an EC pep rally where they will perform in their EC shirts, an increasing sign that students are "so proud they go to Big EC."

Direct Appeal

EC Fashions Take New Turn

What is the well-dressed EC student wearing in 90-91? Why "EC Fashions" of course!

Bookstore Manager Versie Kilpatrick made a special effort before school opened to stock a complete line of clothing and accessories sporting the EC name and/or logo.

With everything from baseball caps to rain capes, from drop-tail shirts to boxer shorts, students were displaying their school's name.

"The brisk sales we've seen indicates that students are proud to show their EC colors, and when they leave the campus, everyone sees the EC name," Mrs. Kilpatrick said.

Sophomores Stacy Powers, Machelle Everett, and Laura Johnson enjoy the latest in EC fashions as they wait to go into the cafeteria. The knit walking shorts Machelle is wearing were a particularly popular item.

Renessa Barton, Mark Stribling, Laura Johnson, Angie Alderman, and Brian Cooper take a break in front of the student center between classes. After visiting the bookstore, they all display different EC looks.

Innovations Lead In A Brand New Direction

Sophomore men enjoy the pleasures of newly-renovated Winston Hall. Wesley Barrett, Brian Cooper, Brent Bailey, Brett Tucker, and Del Crocker can get a birdseye view of campus happenings from their second floor perch.

No, sophomore Ardy Reed of Louisville didn't actually ride his motorcycle up the stairs of Winston Hall. But Reed admits it was a temptation.

Earl Campbell, a metal fabrication technology student, makes use of one of the new machines in this new program. The metal fabrication program replaced the previous machine shop program.

Programming a computer is only one part of the new Precision Machining Technology Program which Edward Homes and fellow students must master. The new program equips students to enter complex industrial settings after graduation.

Chemistry students Jim McAdory (background) and Stacy Gill try an experiment in the newly-renovated chemistry lab. One improvement was the addition of separate storage facilities for chemicals and emergency showers.

The casual visitor to the East Central campus might not have noticed any major differences in the appearance of the campus in 1990-91; however, inside the buildings some dramatic changes had been made.

These changes centered primarily around Winston Hall, the chemistry lab, the new computer lab, and the Vocational-Technical Center. In Winston Hall, the work begun in 1989 was completed with the bottom floor's total renovation.

The chemistry laboratory also underwent major renovation and updating with more than $240,000 spent in equipment and structural changes.

A new instructional computer lab was installed in Cross Hall with plans in the near future for networking the system into every office and classroom in Cross Hall.

Probably the most dramatic changes took place in the Vocational-Technical Division where two existing programs were phased out and three new ones were instituted with the installation of the very latest technological equipment.

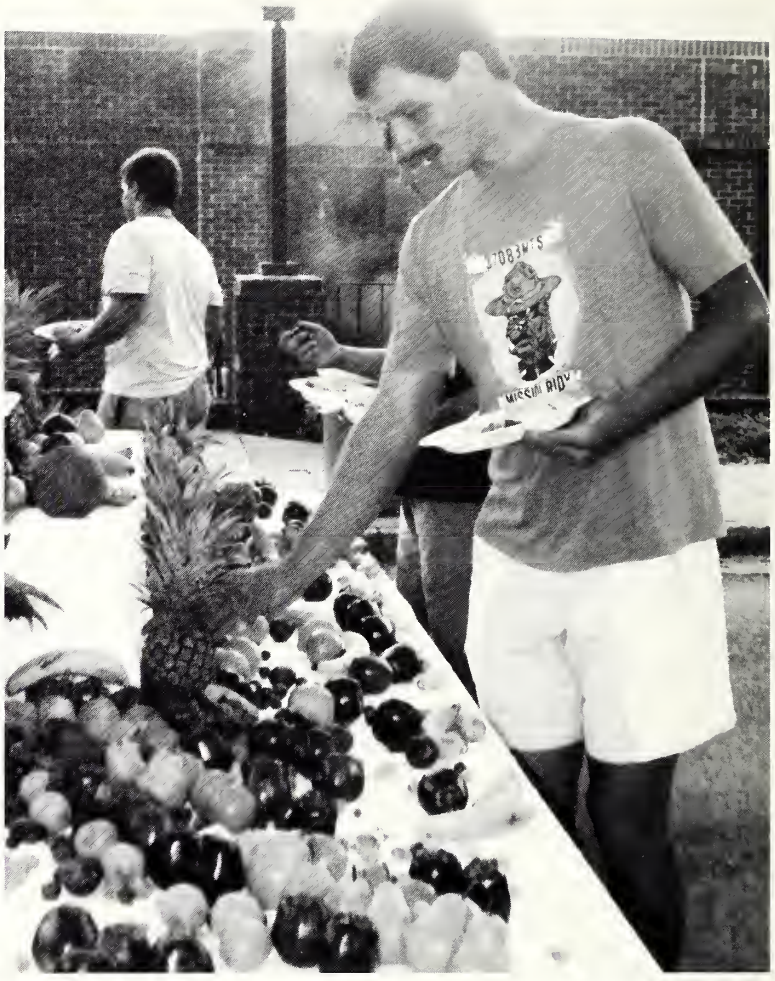
"With our new programs, we can now prepare a student to enter even the most complex industrial setting," stated John Adcock, Director of the Vocational and Technical Programs.

Doug Daly (left foreground) concentrates on his computer during a lecture in the new computer laboratory. EC instructor Leesa Lee (right) and Danny Noblin take advantage of the modern twenty-four station networked instructional lab.

"We are proud of the innovative changes in our vocational and technical programs. They indicate we are preparing to enter a new century."

John Adcock,
Director
Vocational-
Technical
Programs

Proudly wearing his Air Guard shirt, sophomore Wesley Barrett stays busy. The duties of being student, football player, and Guardsmen require more than full time work.



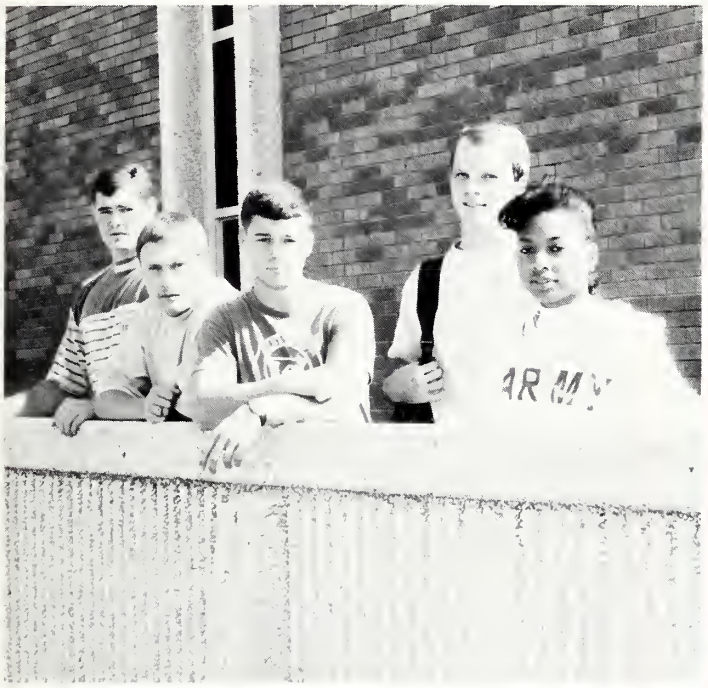
James Davis (front) and fellow members of the 186th Tactical Reconnaissance Group of the Air Guard in Meridian discuss the latest Guard news at an informal meeting of Guardsmen and Reservists.

Fellow students during the week and fellow Guard Unit members on weekends, these men juggle college careers, part-time jobs, and military responsibilities. Brett Williamson, James Davis, Sean Holdiness, and Barry Graham, along with (standing) Parish Williamson and Al Rigdon all are members of the same Air Guard Unit in Meridian.

Directing Our Attention

EC Guardsmen Stand Ready

Dexter Thornton (Army Guard, Carthage), Shelby Donald (Army Guard, Forest), David Campbell (Marine Reserves, Jackson), Ron Fisher (Army Guard, Newton), and Sherry Gates (Army reserve, Vicksburg) pause outside the library before hitting the books. Studying and being in the military at the same time can be both rewarding and frustrating, according to these students. Thornton and Campbell, along with Ardy Reed and Danny Leach, were activated in December in response to the Middle East Crisis.



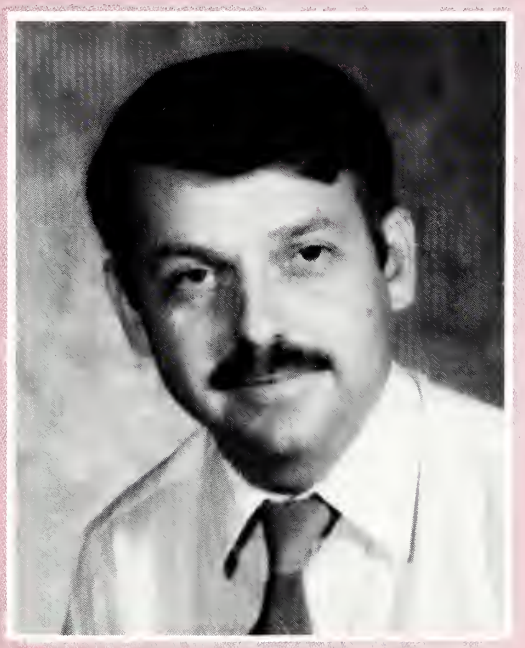
With the threat of war looming in the Middle East in the fall of 1990, new attention was focused on those college students who are playing double roles as students and members of the National Guard or Reserves.

Units from Jackson and other Mississippi towns had been activated, and when two or three Guardsmen met on the campus, talk invariably shifted to the possibility of being "called up." "It's like waiting for something to happen and not being able to relax," said one freshman Guardsman.

The crisis was brought closer to home when East Central's Industrial Coordinator Jim Hansford's unit was activated. M.Sgt. Hansford assumed his duties as a Loadmaster, shuttling men and supplies to the Middle East.

Sgt. Hansford's departure from the campus brought home the fact that defending U.S. interests sometimes exacts a high personal price for many Americans.

Marine Reserve David Campbell of Decatur (center), under hypnosis at the fall hypnotist show, begins his gyrations as a human airplane.



Industrial Coordinator Jim Hansford's Air Guard Unit was activated in late August, sending Hansford into active duty and leaving a void for the college to fill.

Pep Rallies: Directing our S•P•I•R•I•T

One pep rally of the fall took a different turn after the pie throwing contest. Cheerleaders Kim Shirley (left) and Michelle Mitchell, after taking pies in the face from student fans, shared their "pie" with one another.

At the traditional "toga party" pep rally, Warrior cheerleaders Kristi Patrick and Ginger Buckley lead the student body in a cheer. The cheerleaders later donned their togas to get in the spirit of a Roman holiday before a big game.

Freshman Mitch Hebert anticipates the pleasure of hitting cheerleader Ginger Buckley with a pie. Mitch earned the right to throw the pie by tricking Ginger into talking to him on "hush day."

The East Mall has been a popular place for pep rallies for years. When the weather is nice, pep rallies are held outside. During Homecoming Week, a traditional bonfire is held on the band practice field, and in bad weather pep rallies go inside the gym.

Ocean Moore, a freshman cheerleader, added zip to pep rallies. If things began to lag, Ocean would do a series of back flips and spirits would pick up.

Saxophonist Brad Foley warms up on the mall prior to a pep rally. The band played an important part in each pep rally, not only with the Warrior Fight Song but by providing music for the Centralettes to dance to.

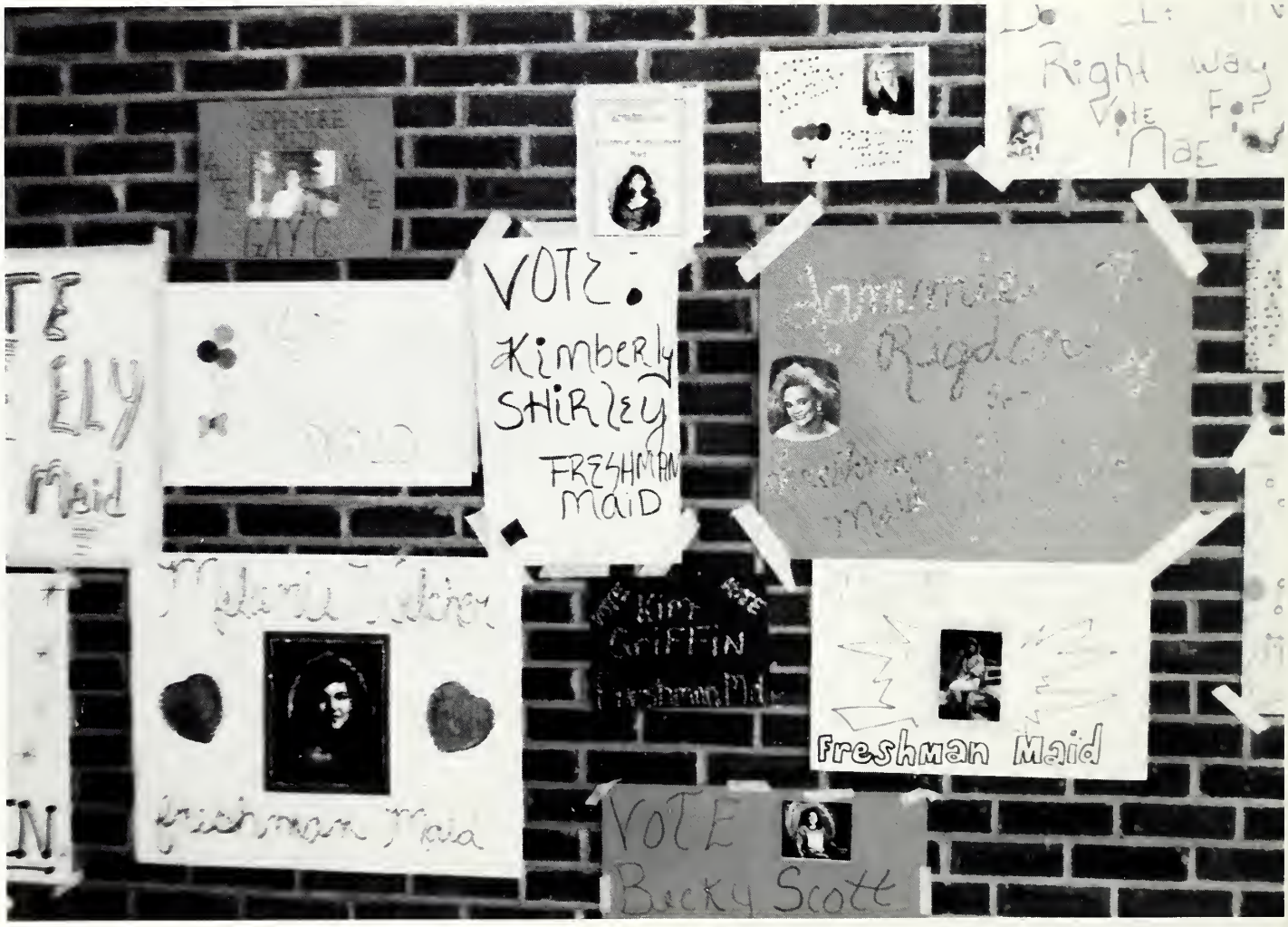
From "Hayseed" to "Roman nobility" and all degrees between - that describes the pep rallies at East Central.

"We see a pep rally as a chance to bolster the spirits of not only the team but the entire student body," said Melissa Lewis, sponsor of the cheerleaders. "We spend a lot of time in practice, and we plan our rallies carefully to include as many students, players, coaches, and school personnel as possible."

In addition to the toga party and the hillbilly pep rally, the pep rallies this year included a Mardi Gras theme and a pie-throwing contest.

The beginning of a new school year always brings about questions of who will be Mr. and Miss EC; who will be Most Beautiful and Most Handsome; who will be Class Favorites; which students will be Homecoming Maids?

At the end of the year, all of these questions have been answered, and another group of students has entered East Central history. These students are presented in this Features Section of the yearbook.



Interest in the 1990 Homecoming election is evident from the number of signs on the campus. The largest number of girls in recent history vied for places as Maids or Queen.

Direct Hits

Homecoming – A Direct Connection Between Past and Future

The 1990 Homecoming Court included: Freshman Maids Kim Shirley, Amy Fussell, and Wendy Ellis; Homecoming Queen Michelle Mitchell; Maid of Honor Renea Thames; and Sophomore Maids Amy Cumberland, Machelle Everett, and Buffy Reeves. Their escorts were: Bruce Hall, Chad Harrison, Matthew Freeny, Scott Sumerall, Derrick Brown, Brian Jones, Ken Humphries, and Brian Cooper.

"You must have ordered this weather just for us," one members of the Class of 1940 commented as he registered at EC's 1990 Homecoming. It was a perfect fall day, just the kind of day people think of when they think of college homecomings.

Homecoming 1990 was among the largest in the history of the school with more than 350 alumni and friends present for the alumni luncheon.

Activities for the day included reunions of all classes ending in zero, with special recognition going to members of the class of 1940 on their fiftieth anniversary. Nineteen members of the class shared memories and caught up on fifty years of news.

The award for traveling the longest distance went to a lady from Southern California who flew to Mississippi just for EC's Homecoming.

Other special events included a reunion of the Women's State Championship Basketball of 1975-76, and the football teams of 1959 and 1960.

"It was a good day," commented Dr. Brad Tucker who had coordinated the reunion meetings. "Seeing the fifty year graduates enjoy themselves is worth all the effort to locate them and get them here."

Homecoming Queen Michelle Mitchell of Morton enjoys a reflective moment before halftime. The Queen and her Court were chosen by popular vote of the student body.

Pete Porter (No. 36) leads the Warriors bursting through the run-through sign. The Warrior Chief at right looks on approvingly as the Warriors prepare to take the field.

The Bart Simpson craze spilled over into Homecoming with this first-place sign. The women of Newsome Hall prepared the sign, capturing the spirit of the times with Bart Simpson and the spirit of Homecoming with the theme "With you in mind through the 90s."

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of East Central, places the crown on Queen Michelle Mitchell's head. Mr. Henry Hudspeth (far right) had presented the queen's flowers. Michelle's escort is Scott Sumerall.

"Homecoming '90 was both exciting and memorable for me. I was nervous, and if it hadn't been for my escort Scott I probably wouldn't have made it through halftime. My Mawmaw had to be the proudest grandmother there. I'll never forget the big smile on Dr. Smith's face as he was about to put the crown on my head."

Michelle Mitchell

Building Memories to Come Home To

Homecoming Week for EC students is a week filled with hectic activity. Every day is designated as a special day such as "Jersey Day," "Cartoon Character Day," or "Black and Gold Day."

While each organization on campus frantically works on its display sign for the competition, the band, Centralettes, cheerleaders, football team, and various other committees are getting ready for the "Big Day."

Thursday night is always set aside for the Homecoming Dance, with the queen and her court being presented at 10 p.m.

Early on Saturday morning, students and faculty are out early putting on the finishing touches to welcome home alumni. Somewhere in the backs of their minds, even as they enjoy being students in 1990, everyone knows that someday they will be coming back to the memories they built here during Homecoming Week.

Scott Sumerall, Ken Humphries, and Brian Jones wait patiently during the first half of the game. At halftime, they will escort the maids and the queen onto the field for crowning ceremonies.

Defensive Back Earl Campbell snags an interception and starts the other direction in the Homecoming game. Defensive End Tim Jackson (#79) and Free Safety Hayes Petty (#15) pave the way for Campbell.

Maid of Honor Renae Thames and Queen Michelle Mitchell wait nervously with other members of the Homecoming Court. The weatherman cooperated, providing a perfect afternoon for Homecoming.

Centralettes Shawn White, Tonya Moore, Kim Wedgeworth, and Melanie Wilcher enjoy performing before a large homecoming crowd. Centralettes and band members worked extra hours to prepare a special halftime show for alumni.

"Being captain of the Centralettes has been both a pleasure and a challenge. I felt we really showed improvement this year; we seemed to come together as a unit."

Kim Wedgeworth

More Than Meets the Eye: 1991 Mr. and Miss EC

Capturing the honor of being chosen this year's Mr. and Miss East Central were Michelle Mitchell of Morton and Wesley Barrett of Decatur. In their selection, their fellow students bestowed on these two busy students the highest compliment they could pay them.

And Michelle and Wesley earned the honor through their involvement in a wide variety of activities during their two years on the campus. Their special warmth and wit and their willingness to work have proved that there is "more than meets the eye" in these students.

Wesley was a member of the Warrior football team for two years and was selected as a beau this year.

Michelle was a cheerleader and the 1990 Homecoming Queen, and Vice-President of the Student Body Association.

"My two years at East Central have really been special," Michelle said. "Being chosen Miss EC was one of the biggest thrills I had. It let me know that my fellow students cared for me as much as I cared for them."

Wesley echoed Michelle's sentiments when he stated, "In years to come, I think my two years at East Central will be one of the high points of my life. I know I'll never forget all the friends I made here, and I plan to come back to visit often."

"Mr. and Miss EC should epitomize the spirit of camaraderie and fellowship, as well as academics, that the college stands for. These students meet that standard."

Dr. Phil Sutphin

Wesley and Michelle share a piece of cake in the coaches' office. Taking a special cake to the basketball team was just one more activity for the two busy sophomores.

Michelle serves Wesley coffee at a reception. The new Mr. and Miss EC, in two years, attended and assisted with a wide variety of activities, from formal to informal.

"Strangers are only friends you haven't met," might be an appropriate maxim for Michelle and Wesley who didn't know one another until they both enrolled at East Central in the fall of 1989.

From football pads to coat and tie, Wesley demonstrates the versatility which accompanies any young man who is chosen Mr. East Central Community College.

Her smile, wit, and charm endeared Michelle to both students and faculty alike in her two years at East Central.

Sophomore Class Favorites

Sophomore male class favorites are Wendell Whitehead of Newton, Brian Cooper of Decatur and Billy Howell of Carthage. Wendell is a member of the baseball team; Brian is President of the Sophomore Class; and Billy is active in band and other musical activities. All three have contributed to life on the campus and feel their two years at EC have been good ones.

Sophomore women who were chosen as Class Favorites are Renea Thames of Beulah Hubbard, Bethany Brantley of Carthage and Pam Gilmer of Neshoba Central. Renea was Maid of Honor in the Homecoming Court; Bethany has been a cheerleader and a member of the Scholar's Bowl; and Pam has been in every theatrical production presented in her two years at East Central. The three Favorites agree that a friendly smile and contributing to school activities have been keys to their success on campus.

Freshman Class Favorites

Kim Shirley of Forest, Nicole Flint of Neshoba Central and Amy Fussell of Louisville were chosen as Freshman Favorites. The three girls, who didn't know one another at the beginning of school and not many other students either, are now familiar sights on campus. They could be seen at almost any activity taking place, from pep rallies to dances to visiting in the cafeteria after a meal.

Freshman men who were selected by their fellow students as Favorites are Chad Harrison of Union, Luther Riley of Walnut Grove, and Ken McMullan of Decatur. Luther is a member of the basketball team, and Ken and Chad can be found at home games rooting for their classmate and the rest of the team.

The Fairest at EC

It was anything but "business as usual" for twenty-nine East Central coeds on the evening of the annual East Central Beauty Pageant.

Books, classes, and lessons were momentarily put aside while this bevy of beauties proved once again that East Central Community College has more than its share of beautiful women.

Directed by music instructor Leesa Lee and narrated by speech instructor Judy Carroll, the pageant spotlighted these young ladies against a background of white columns and a profusion of green plants.

Earlier in the afternoon the contestants had visited with the judges at a formal tea held in the president's home. The tea offered an opportunity for the judges to interview the girls in a social situation.

Four beaus and the Most Handsome had been selected by popular vote the previous week, and these young men were presented along with the four beauties and Most Beautiful when the pageant ended.

Backstage before the pageant, Amy Cumberland, a sophomore from Philadelphia, seems calm. However, she confessed to being a little nervous.

"I can't believe it!" Nikki Ivy exclaims. Flowers sent backstage assure contestants that someone out there is "rooting" for them.

Kim Wedgeworth (#17) and Debbie Tidmore (#18) join the 27 other contestants in the opening parade of beauties. Ac-

Top Ten Finalists in the 1990-91 EC Beauty Pageant are: (Front) Suzanne Smith, Bethany Jinkerson, Kristi Patrick, Pam Belk, Stephanie Warren; (Back) Buffy Reeves, Christina Woods, Machelle Everett, Stacy Ealy, and Brandy White.

Flashing the winning smile that has made her a campus favorite, Kristi Patrick takes her walk before the judges. Kristi went on to be crowned Most Beautiful.

cording to some observers, any one of the 29 contestants might have been a worthy choice for Most Beautiful.

Helpful roommate Wendi Ellis holds the mirror for Melanie Wilcher to put the last touches on her makeup. Both girls are from Leake County and have helped one another in many more ways than in the beauty pageant.

Beau - Wesley Barrett, Decatur
Beauty - Buffy Reeves, Decatur

Beau - Chad Harrison, Union
Beauty - Pam Belk, Neshoba Central

Beau - Scott McNair, Union
Beauty - Christina Woods, Decatur

Beau - Brian Cooper, Decatur
Machelle Everett, Hickory

Most Handsome - Brent Bailey
Most Beautiful - Kristi Patrick

Two popular students from Leake County walked away with top honors at the Beauty Pageant. Brent Bailey of Carthage was selected as East Central's Most Handsome Man, and Kristi Patrick, also of Carthage, was crowned Most Beautiful.

A graduate of Leake Academy, Kristi has been a football cheerleader for two years at East Central, a member of the Warrior Corps for two years, serving as Vice-President during her sophomore year, a member of the President's Council, a member of the Fashion Squad, and a Diamond Girl. She was one of the four beauties selected during her freshman year.

Brent is a graduate of Carthage High School and is an engineering major at East Central. He was an outstanding member of the varsity football team for two years and a member of Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers," and he was selected as a Beau during his freshman year.

Both Brent and Kristi plan to attend Mississippi State University in the fall of 1991, but they agree that the two years they have enjoyed at East Central will remain a highlight of their college experience.

Brent and Kristi pose for their official photograph shortly after the pageant ended. "I'm still in shock!" Kristi whispered as the camera snapped.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President of the college, places the crown on Kristi as Brent stands by approvingly. Crowning the Most Beautiful is one of Dr. Smith's most pleasurable duties as President.

"This was my fourth year to work with the pageant, and I really enjoyed it. There are a lot of details to work out, but working with the girls is fun."

Leesa Lee
Pageant Director.

The primary purpose of any school is for students to learn. Therefore, academics will always be the most important part of East Central. Without classes, there would be no college.

In its ongoing efforts to meet the changing needs of a technological society, East Central this year introduced a number of new programs and changed some existing programs to keep them in line with expectations of both universities and industry.

Renovation of the chemistry lab was completed just in time for the opening of the fall session. With the renovation, East Central can boast of a laboratory unsurpassed in the state's community college system.

Moving Directly Ahead

HALL OF FAME

Mary Cay Clark

Phi Theta Kappa
Scholar's Bowl Team Captain
Secretary of Phi Theta Kappa
Vice-President of L.I.F.E.
President's List Scholar
All-American Scholar
Member of Honors English and History Programs
One of twenty All-American Scholars in Nation

"The fact that Cay was selected to be East Central's All-American Scholar indicates her work as a person and her abilities as a scholar."

— Faculty Nomination Letter

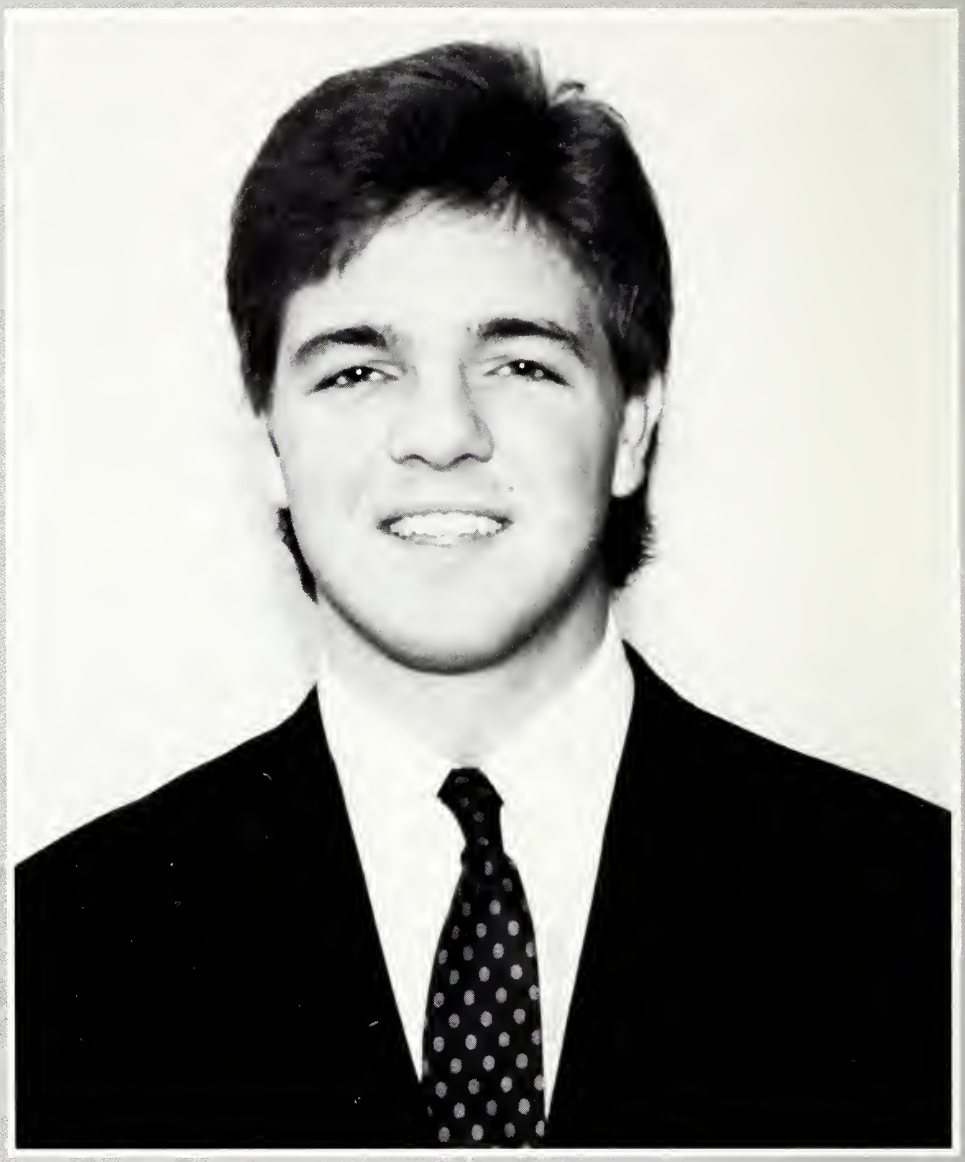
Alisha Michalle Everett

Phi Theta Kappa
Warrior Corps Member
Sigma Sigma Mu Tau
Fashion Squad
EC Players
Diamond Girls
TOM-TOM staff
Election Committee
President's Council
Roundball Recruiters
Cheerleader
Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges
SBA Secretary
Sophomore Homecoming Maid
Pat Wilson Scholarship Winner

"When there is a project or a job to be done, Michalle can be counted on to assist actively, and she does it while maintaining her high grade average."
— Faculty Nomination Letter

HALL OF FAME

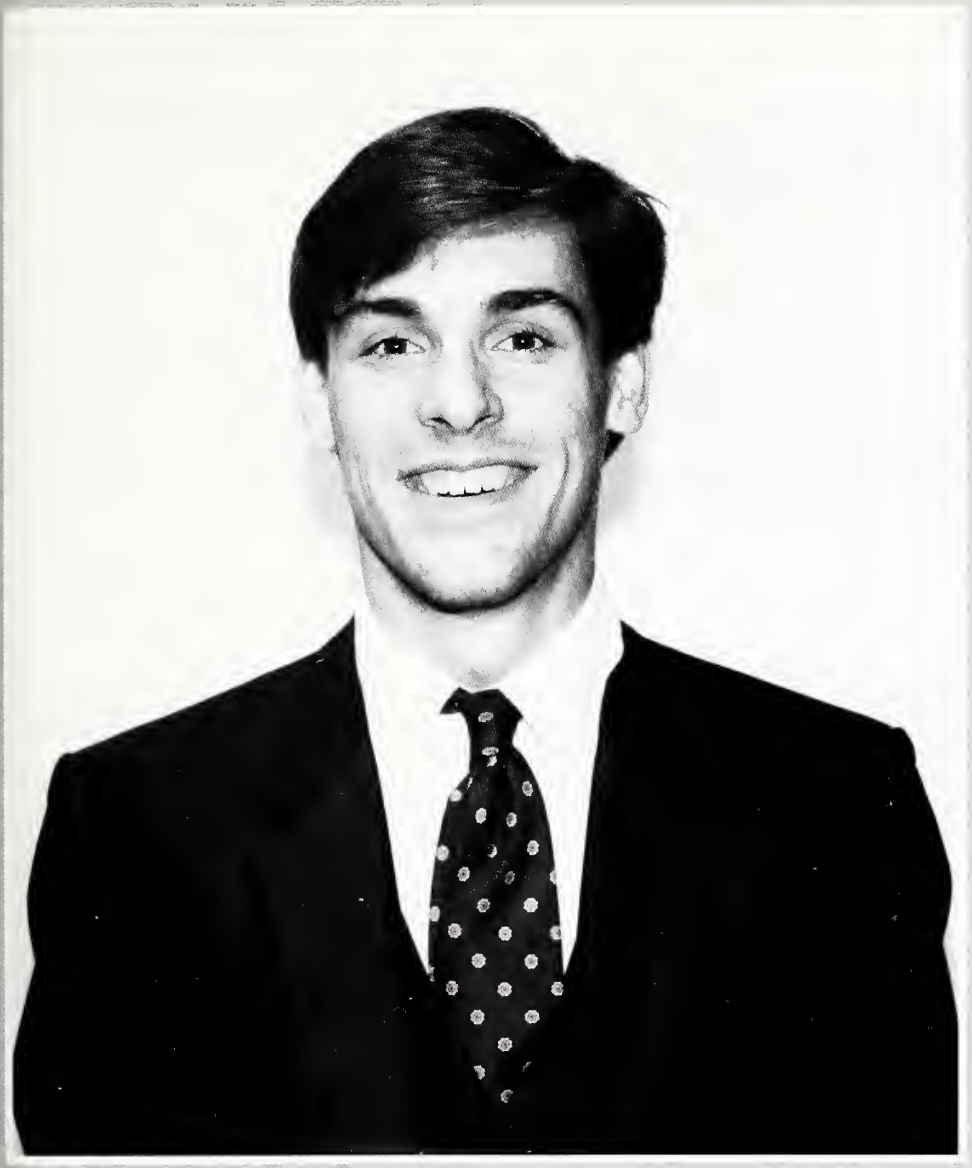
Albert Thompson Germany



Warrior Corps Member
President's Council
Scholar's Bowl Team
Mu Alpha Theta
Phi Theta Kappa
Intramural Football
Editor of WO-HE-LO
Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges
ACT Scholarship Winner
Cast of Li'L Abner

"Very quiet by nature, Ab has worked unobtrusively to leave his mark on East Central. He will one day bring credit to this institution."

— Faculty Nomination Letter



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Mu Alpha Theta
Dinner Theatre
Cast of DAMN YANKEES
Cast of LI'L ABNER
Scholar's Bowl Team
Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges

"Jim's leadership ability and communication skills are demonstrated through the wide variety of activities he has participated in. He knows the value of time management."
— Faculty Nomination Letter

HALL OF FAME

HALL OF FAME

Michelle A. Mitchell

Warrior Corps
Phi Theta Kappa
Mu Alpha Theta
Sigma Sigma Mu Tau
Student Body Association
Student Judiciary Court
Roundball Recruiters
Diamond Girls
President's Council
Intramural Sports
Election Committee
Football Cheerleader
Basketball Cheerleader
Homecoming Queen, 1990
Dean's List Scholar
Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges

"Michelle's ability to maintain a high level of academic performance and a high degree of involvement is impressive, especially when her major is pre-med."
— Faculty Nomination Letter

Karla DeAnn Munn

Mu Alpha Theta

L.I.F.E.

Phi Theta Kappa

Feature Twirler with Marching Band

Concert Band

Student Education Association

Who's Who Among Students in American Community Colleges

Recipient of HEADWAE Award

Class Treasurer

"Karla has demonstrated outstanding scholarship, character, leadership and service. In the future, she will continue to represent East Central well wherever she goes."

— Faculty Nomination Letter

HALL OF FAME

HEADWAE Honorees Epitomize Academic Excellence

Now in its fourth year, the HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day — Working for Academic Excellence) Program has once again selected two most deserving individuals as honorees.

Sophomore Karla Munn, an elementary education major from Decatur, has been chosen from among the top students by a vote of the faculty; and Dr. Richard Ethridge, Chairman of the Division of Social Science, Business Administration, and Education, will represent the college as the faculty member to be honored.

Karla, a graduate of Beulah Hubbard High School, has been feature twirler with the East Central Marching Band for two years and has proved to be a crowd favorite at halftime performances. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the Student Education Association, and LIFE, the environmental organization.

At Honors Day in 1990, Karla received the Kappa Kappa Iota Society's Scholarship Award, signifying the promise she shows as a potential elementary teacher. Karla currently is serving as treasurer of the sophomore class.

Dr. Richard Ethridge, long an advocate of academic excellence, is himself a scholar with membership in a number of scholastic societies, including the highly coveted honor of having been chosen to Phi Kappa Phi, a society which recognizes only the very top in academic achievement.

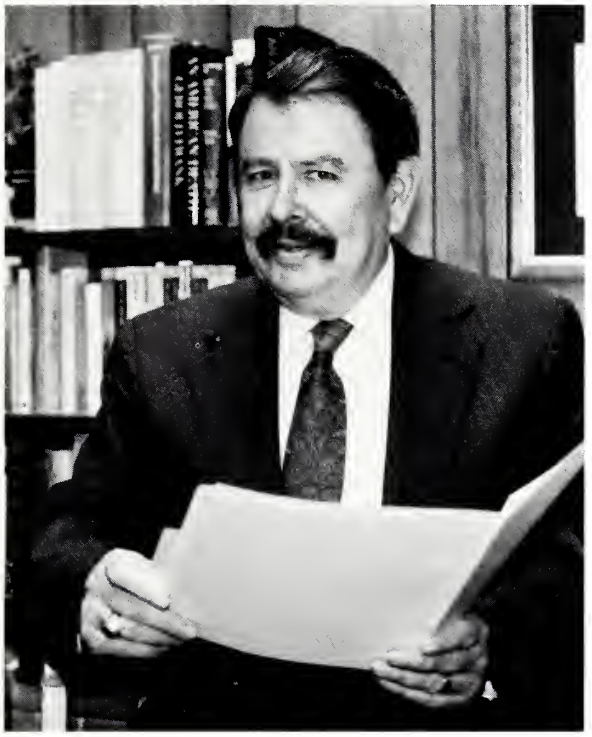
Dr. Ethridge, in addition to serving as chairman of his division, teaches the traditional American History Survey Course as well as an Honors American History.

Dr. Ethridge has been widely published in various academic and scholarly journals and is listed in WHO'S WHO IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST and OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN OF AMERICA. A recent contribution which Dr. Ethridge has made to the area is that of serving as Facilitator for an Oral History Project on Veterans of Modern Wars and Police Actions for the Neshoba County Library.

As East Central's HEADWAE Honorees for 1991, Karla and Dr. Ethridge were recognized in ceremonies in the Mississippi Legislature and at a luncheon hosted by Governor Ray Mabus.

Dr. Ethridge passes on some of his suggestions for good teaching to education major Karla. A veteran of some thirty years in the classroom, Ethridge has received numerous recognitions for his excellence in teaching, including participation in the Lamplighter Program which recognizes exceptional excellence in the classroom.

EC's 1991 choices to represent East Central at the Higher Education Awareness Day — Working for Academic Excellence (HEADWAE) are Dr. Richard Ethridge and Karla Munn. As the college's representatives, the two participated in a day-long observance of excellence in education with members of the legislature and the governor.



"I attempt to see my students for what they are, and I am continually awed by their prospects. I encourage students to do their best in the present to lay a foundation for being the best they can be in the future."

R.C. Ethridge

A twirler for approximately ten years, Karla added a new dimension to East Central's band for two years. A highlight of most football halftimes was Karla's fire baton routine.

Use of the library is essential in any college student's life, and especially to an education major. Karla anticipates that the academic skills she has gained at East Central will stand her in good stead when she transfers to a university in the fall of 1991.

Students Selected to Who's Who; Clark Chosen Academic All American

An eagerly awaited announcement each year is that of which students will be included in **Who's Who in American Community Colleges.** Limited to the top three percent of the student body, membership in **Who's Who** is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership, extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Students from East Central join an elite group from more than 1400 two-year institutions of higher learning in the U.S. who have been tapped for this honor.

This year for the first time, East Central selected an "Academic All American," the honor going to Cay Clark of Chunky. Currently maintaining a 4.0 average, Cay is a pre-law student planning to minor in foreign language.

In her two years at East Central, Cay has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa national honorary society, Mu Alpha Theta math honorary, and LIFE (Leaders Investing in the Future of the Environment). Cay's nomination to the Academic All-American Team has been submitted to the national office with the final team being announced in USA TODAY.

Cay Clark, EC's nominee for Academica All-American, prepares an assignment. "I am more an independent learner," Cay states. "I like for a teacher to introduce me to an idea and then let me explore it on my own."

Three Who's Who in American Community Colleges members take to the stage in the fall production of THE NERD. One criteria for Who's Who is involvement in a wide variety of campus activities.

East Central's Who's Who entrants for 1990-91 include: (Front) Bethany Brantley, Kim Wedgeworth, Machelle Everett, Tracy Weaver, Jana Fanning, Karla Mann, Tara Swindle, Robin Cole, and Tanya Aycox; (Second Row) Buffy Reeves, Dawn Bradford, Darlene Crane, Michelle Mitchell, Gayla Goodwin, Dawn Alexander, Martha Sibley, Mary Wheeler, Sonya Lewis, Cay Clark; (Third Row) Jamie Champion, Jeff Hitt, Jim Holder, Brent Townsend, Billy Howell, Andy Hardy, Kevin Winstead, Pam Gilmer, Sandra Collins, Bethany Jinkerson; (Fourth Row) Wyatt Williams, Raymond Reynolds, Ab Germany, Brent Bailey, Brian Cooper, Billy McNair, Jimbo Edwards, Twyla Kemp, Brent Fountain, Connie Money, and Jennifer Henry.

"I did it my way," is the motto of Dawn Bradford, a sophomore from Forest who not only is a full time student and wife, but also a member of the Collegians. Dawn was chosen to **Who's Who** on the basis of her academic record as well as campus activities.

Who's Who member Brent Townsend and fellow student Shane Bishop show they'll do almost anything in the name of school spirit. The occasion is the annual "Mess" Pageant, held during Homecoming Week to boost school spirit before the big homecoming game.

Voc-Tech Division Changes to Meet Challenges of '90s

When John Adcock assumed his duties as Director of the Vocational-Technical Division, he found himself in the middle of a number of major changes. In keeping with the college's commitment to providing the very latest in vocational-technical education, three new programs were instituted in the fall of 1990.

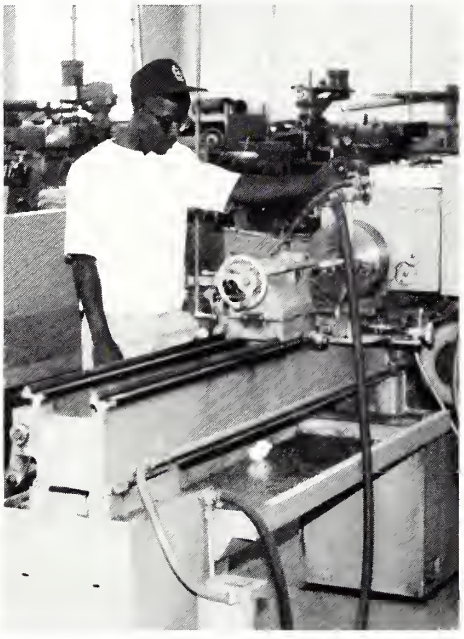
In addition to starting up the new programs in Precision Machining Technology, Metal Fabrication Technology, and Automated Manufacturing Technology, the Voc.-Tech. Division not only had a new Director but two new counselors and three new instructors.

To further complicate the new Director's job, James Hansford, the Industrial Coordinator, was activated with his National Guard Unit in August. Fortunately, the college was able to employ Don Avara, a resident of Louisville who is retired and was willing to take on the duties of Industrial Coordinator until Mr. Hansford's active duty was over.

Another big change in the vocational-technical division has been the move to the common instructional, or standardized, curriculum for all programs in the state. According to Chester Clark, Asst. Director, the move will assure more stability and greater depth of instruction, thus better preparing the student to go directly to work at the end of his program.

"It has been an exciting challenge for me personally," Adcock stated. "And the instructors and other staff members have accepted the challenges which always come with change. I appreciate their positive attitudes and their determination to provide the very best for our students."

Basic welding techniques are still required although many aspects of metal fabrication have changed. Rex Henry and other students are required to demonstrate expertise in welding as well as other skills.

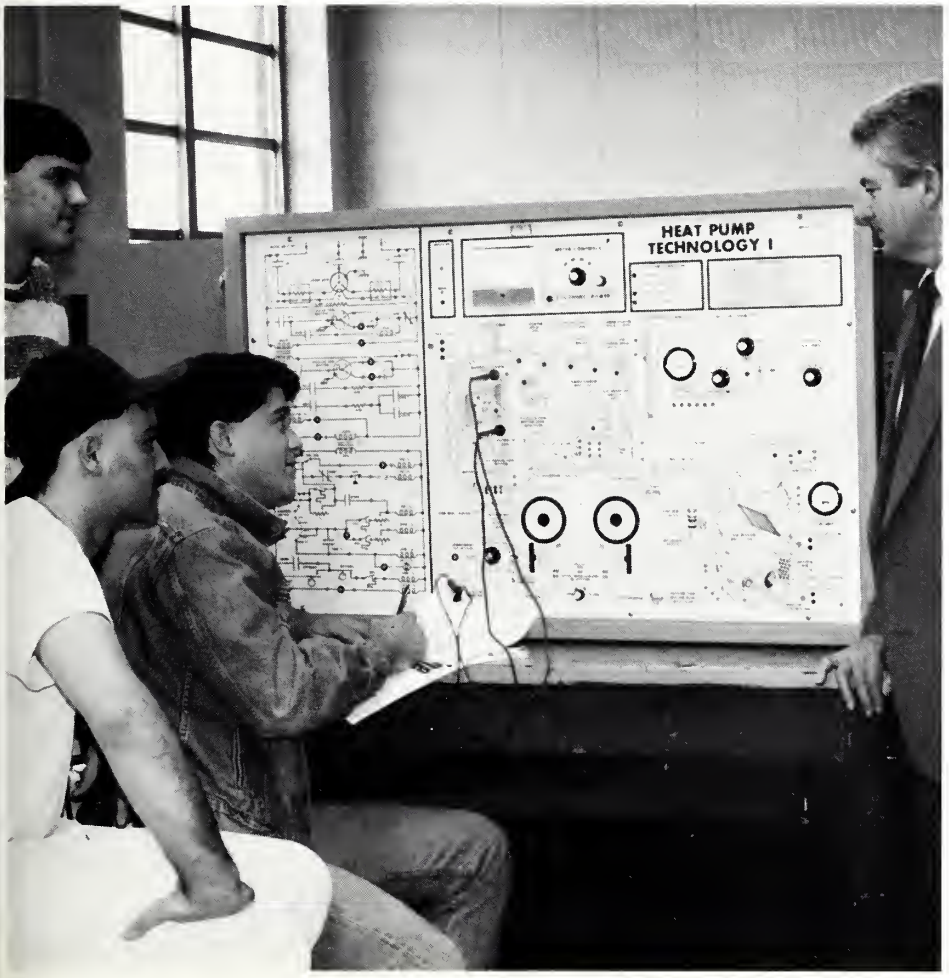


Kendrick Coleman operates one of the machines in the Precision Machining lab. The three new voc.-tech. programs required several years to bring to reality, and thousands of man-hours of work.

Richard Rushing learns to operate one of the new computers in the Metal Fabrications Lab as Marty McKee (checkered shirt) and Kim Boyd work on projects.

Craig Stamper and Lynn Tatum take a reading in a Surveying Class. Both are students in Ricky Harrison's Drafting and Design Technology Program.

Vocational-Technical Counselor Jimmy Dempsey and Counselor for Handicapped Lynn Scribner work on a bulletin board in the Voc.-Tech. Center. Both are available to assist students with school-related or personal problems.



Wallace Keen, the Vocational-Technical Teacher of the Year for 1990, explains some of the latest in equipment which he spent the summer working with before the new Automated Manufacturing Program opened in the fall.

John Adcock, Director of Vocational-Technical Programs, is seldom found sitting still. He is constantly out checking on various programs. Here he chats with Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration students Ken Humphries (standing), Nick Wall, and Michael Roland.

A Day in the Life

PTK President Leads by Example

When Sandra Collins of Union graduated from Union High School and enrolled at East Central, she pledged to continue her pursuit of academic excellence while enjoying extra-curricular activities.

Ask almost any student or faculty member, and you will learn that this year's Phi Theta Kappa President has done just that.

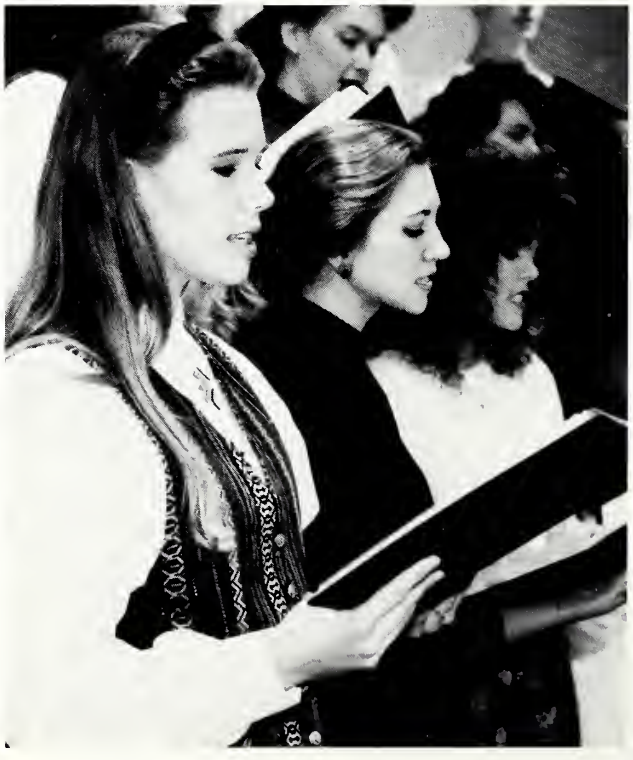
In addition to maintaining an enviable GPA in a difficult curriculum (Pre-Medicine), Sandra made time to be a member of the Centralettes, the EC Players Club, LIFE Environmental Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and the President's Council.

She was one of six students cast in the fall production of THE NERD and was also a member of the cast of Meridian Little Theatre's production of SHOWBOAT.

According to Collins, the secret to handling a busy academic schedule along with numerous other activities is organization. "I have to discipline myself to think of all the things I have to do and then place them in order of priority," she said. "For example, studying takes priority over activities. Sometimes eating and sleeping are at the bottom of my list."

As President of Theta XI Chapter of the national honor society Phi Theta Kappa, Sandra has been called upon by her sponsors to perform a wide variety of tasks, from the most menial to the most intellectually demanding.

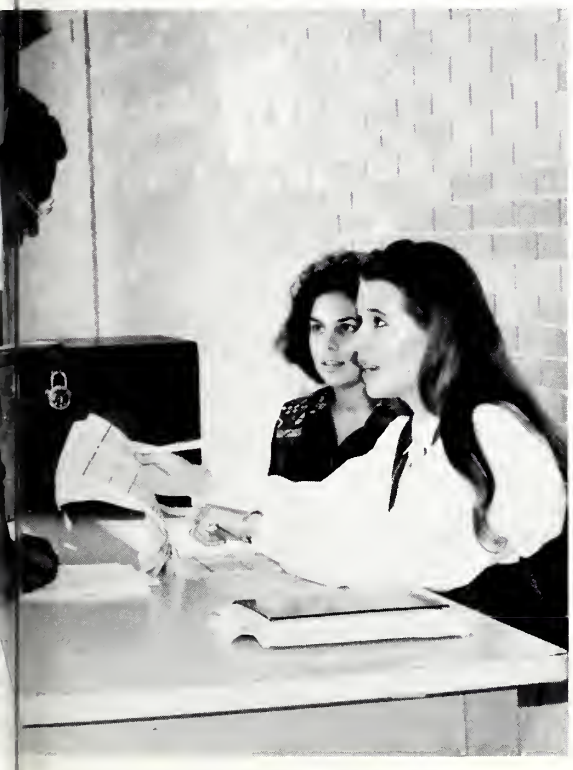
"One of the best experiences I have had at EC was the Phi Theta Kappa Leadership Conference in August," Sandra stated. "We were host to PTK officers from all over the state and had as our guests the national officers who hailed from all over the country. I think they went away feeling very differently about Mississippi, and we learned a lot from them."



Joined by fellow choir members Bethany Jinkerson and Stacie Ealy, Sandra rehearses for the choir's Christmas concert.

Even lunchtime involves academics for Sandra. Going over notes for a Trig test might mean a few crucial points difference on the test.

An avid fan of the theatre, Sandra discusses final preparations for the fall dinner theatre with Theatre Director Judy Carroll. Sandra not only had a part in the EC production of THE NERD but at the same time was involved with a little theatre production of SHOWBOAT.



A member of the Election Committee, Sandra and fellow poll worker Dawn Alexander assist McArthur Hannah in casting his ballot.

Phi Theta Kappa sponsors Ann Burkes and Shelby Harris discuss plans for the chapter's trip to the national convention in Chicago with President Collins. The sponsors have depended on Sandra for leadership at the local, state, and regional levels of Phi Theta Kappa.

A new Warrior mascot greeted sports fans at East Central games in 1990-91. The new mascot symbolized a new outlook — the beginning of a new decade during which it was projected that "Warrior Spirit" would take on new meaning.

Whether it is football, basketball, baseball, tennis or golf, East Central students enjoy sports. And whether teams win or lose, the Warrior Spirit prevails. That same competitive spirit can be found at every level, from a pickup basketball game in the old gym to the state playoffs.

Brent Bailey (#53) of Carthage shows the ravages of playing a game in 90+ temperatures. The fall of '90 was among the hottest on record, and weather became a factor in early games.

Directing New Moves

Plucky Warrior Team Faces Hot Dry Season

The fall of 1990 was hot and dry, and when the Warrior football team arrived for pre-season practice, the weather took its toll. Some promising players decided the heat was too much and went home; others suffered injuries.

However, when the 1990 version of the EC Warriors took the field on August 30, it was with the same enthusiasm which characterized the teams of Coach A.J. Kilpatrick.

A new addition to the Warrior program this year was Coach Brad Bradshaw who joined the staff. Coach Tony Triplett was elevated to first assistant. "Coach Bradshaw loves the game, and he is determined to build strong character in the players, a quality I admire," Kilpatrick observed.

When the season ended in early November, the weather still had not turned cold, and the Warriors had posted a 4-6 record, ending the season with a 34-14 win over Northeast.

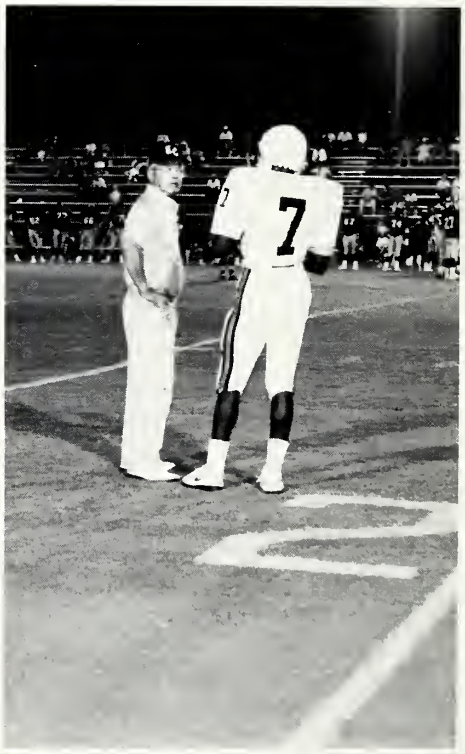
"Although the season record was 4-6, I feel that we had a good season. We finished the season with 39 able bodied players. We were short on numbers, but the players we did play were all legitimately eligible. With the demand to win, some coaches are giving in to the temptation to play ineligible players, but we did not," Kilpatrick stated in a post-season interview.

Evidence of the outstanding caliber of some of the players is seen in the fact that quarterback Lamont Byrd passed for two touchdowns in the All-Star game, and Felton Burroughs received the Most Outstanding Defensive Player on the South All-Star Team.

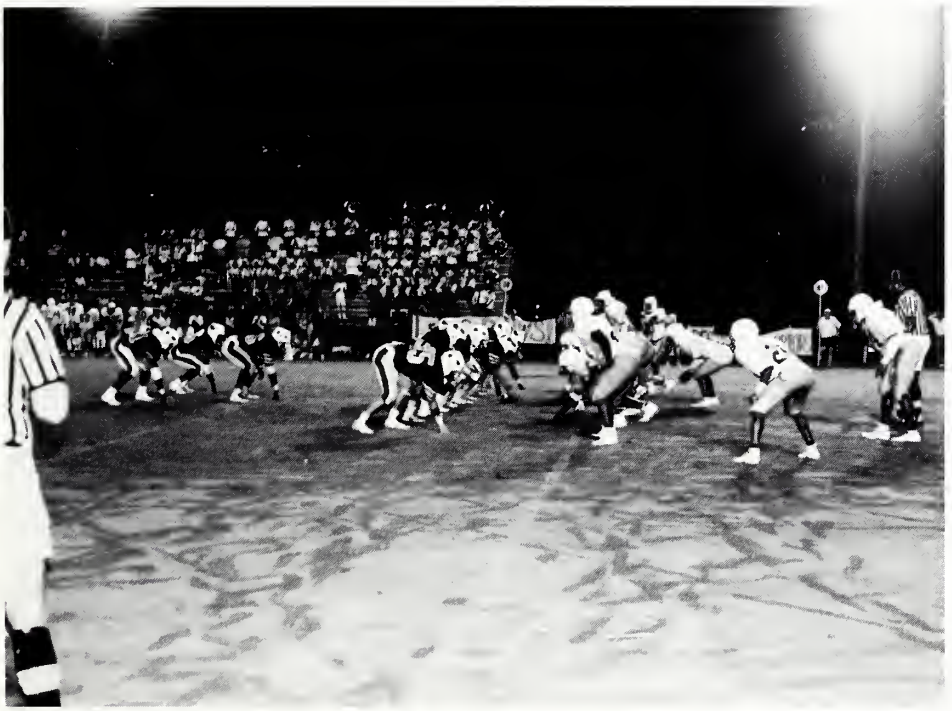
The Stats

Ind. Scoring Leader - Lamont Byrd
(6 TDs)
Ind. Rushing Leader - Sammy Holifield
(872 total yards)
Ind. Receiving Leader - Tony Kidd
(482 total yds.)
Ind. Kickoff Returns - Willie McClelland
(av. 17.9 yrds.)
Ind. Punt Returns - Willie McClelland
(9.1 yd. av.)
Extra Point Leader - Pete Porter
(21 of 23)
Ind. Punt Leader - Lamont Byrd
(longest - 63 yds.)
Interceptions - Felton Burroughs
(four interceptions)
Ind. Leading Tackler - Dynassus Buggs
(66 tackles, 37 assists)

Happy Warriors celebrate a big gain against Southwest, as the Warriors went on to defeat Southwest by a score of 21-7.



Coach Kilpatrick looks up to quarterback Lamont Byrd in more than a physical sense. Byrd was not only the first team quarterback but also was the team's punter, averaging 38.9 yards per punt.



As the referee wipes perspiration from his face in the background, Jimmy Brown (kneeling) catches his breath as Coach Bradshaw talks with Warriors during a timeout.

The Warrior offense takes the field against the Jones Bobcats in the final home game of the season. Anthony Walker, Sammie Holifield, and Willie McClelland line up in the backfield as they did all season.

Post-Season Honors

First Team All State:
Anthony Walker, FB
Lamont Byrd, Punter
Dynassus Buggs, DL
Felton Burroughs, DB

All Star Team:
Dynassus Buggs
Wyatt Williams
Anthony Walker
Lamont Byrd
Sammy Holifield
Felton Burroughs

Molding Individuals into Team Proves Challenging

Community college football is different from most other kinds of football. After having played with a group of guys with whom they have practiced, worked, and gone to school for several years, players are suddenly thrown into a new situation.

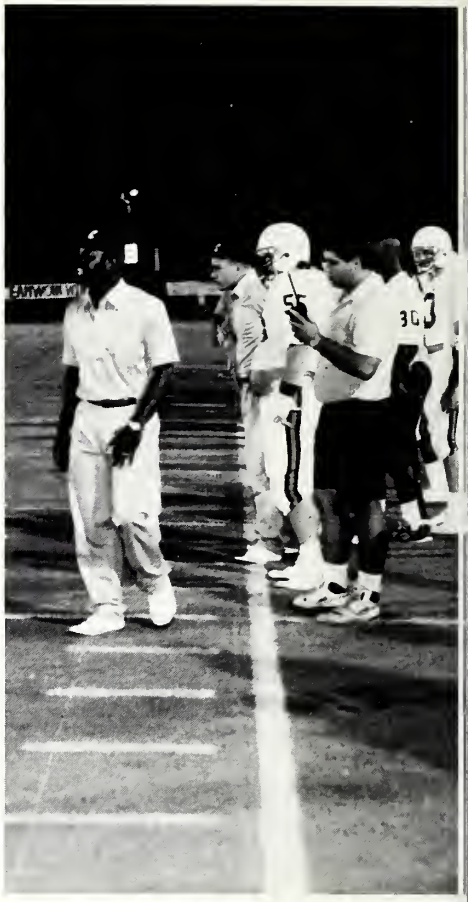
At best, a coach can expect to have some of the same players for two years, and a turnover of more than fifty percent is not unusual. Players come from varying sizes of schools, from very small to large, and they have played under coaches whose techniques and philosophies were as different as the sizes of their schools.

This fall, the Warrior coaching staff faced the challenge of taking players from approximately 25 different schools in four states and molding a team. Next season, at least half of that group will have graduated and transferred or gone into jobs.

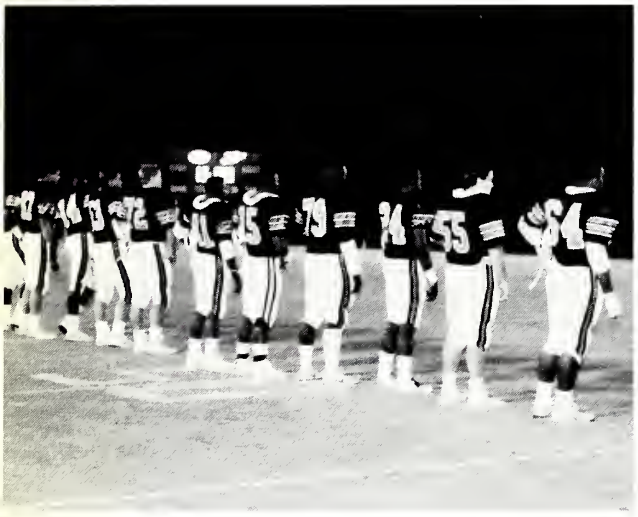
The sophomores have to assume leadership roles to assist the incoming freshmen to adjust to the strenuous workouts, the new plays and assignments, and coaching techniques.

In addition, team members must begin to think as a unit, not as individuals. This, according to the coaches, might be the most difficult part of the adjustment.

One final challenge of building a team from diverse individuals is that of handling themselves away from home influences. Suddenly, Mom and Dad are not there to make decisions, and in addition to spending long hours in practice, team members must discipline themselves to keep up with coursework also.



Coach Triplett paces the sidelines as Coach Bradshaw intently watches the play. Manager Phil Leone keeps in touch with the pressbox by way of a walkie-talkie.



Sophomore players traditionally serve as captains at their final home game. This game is usually an emotional one for sophomores who have become close friends in their two years together.

In an intense, hard-fought game at Co-Lin, Coach Kilpatrick signals his encouragement to the team as players on the sidelines hold up helmets for the kickoff.

Posed in front of the freshly-painted home stands, the 1990 Warrior football team poses for their official picture.

Offensive Guard Michael Beasley, a sophomore from Edinburg, prepares to put on his helmet and return to play as the Warriors take over the ball.

At the annual "Meet the Warriors Night" held during the first week of school, Coach Kilpatrick introduces members of the team to the student body.

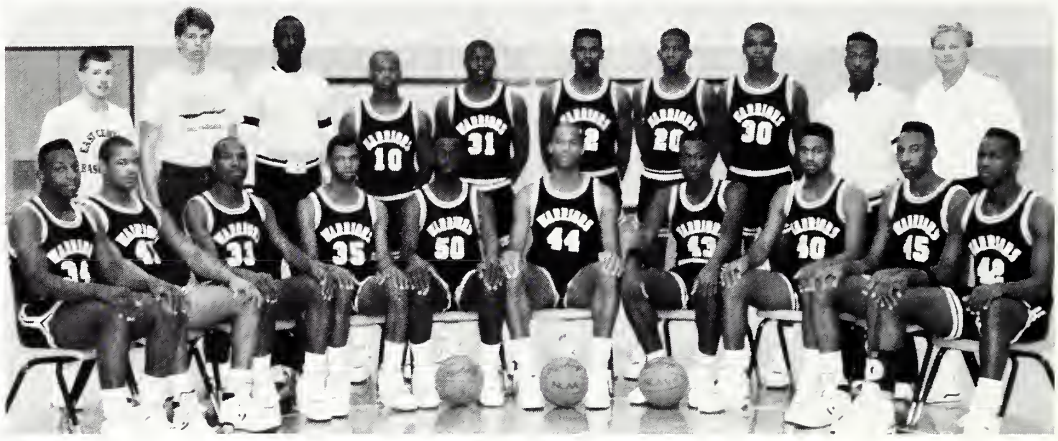
Bowen "System" Works for All

"We instituted a system here at East Central last year to try to balance the team and to play every man on the team," Jay Bowen stated in a mid-season interview, "and so far it seems to be working fairly well."

This year's Warrior basketball team didn't have one outstanding individual player, but was a complete team effort. Every player on the team averaged between 5 and 15 points per game. With seven sophomores and six freshmen, Bowen played all thirteen players in each half, a fact which verifies his determination to make the season a team effort.

"Our depth and our pressure man-to-man defense so far have been the keys to our success," Bowen stated. "If all our freshman players return next year as we anticipate they will, they will form a good nucleus for another good team."

Bowen gave a lot of credit to the players, rather than to his coaching and to the support of others, especially to "student coach" Jimbo Edwards. "I really depend on Jimbo," Bowen confided, "and there's no way I can replace him when he leaves at the end of this year."

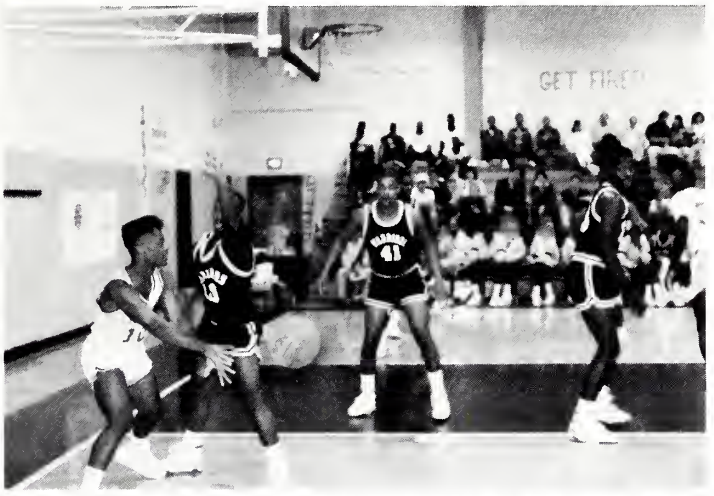


Posing for an early pre-season team photo, the Warrior team consisted of: Tyrone Bender, Kevin Kennedy, Marvin Nash, Lonnie Anderson, J. P. Viverette, Michael James, Tyrone Stowers, Charlie Donnerson, Vandy Hopson, Tony Bailey; (Back) Tim Lathem, Jimbo Edwards, Marcus Beason, Eric Mayes, Willie Jacobs, Mark Stribling, Luther Riley, Terry Thames, and Coach Jay Bowen.

Tony Bailey, 6'5" freshman from Villa Rica, Georgia, goes up for a rebound in the two-point victory over Gulf Coast. Mark Stribling (32) and Terry Thames (30) wait for the outcome of the rebound attempt.

"The most exciting game I ever sat, no I should say **stood**, through," is how one fan described East Central's late January win over Gulf Coast. With one and a half minutes to go, Terry "BoJack" Thames put East Central up by two points.

Eric Mayes and Kevin Kennedy (#41) show the kind of defense which helped pressure other teams into killing turnovers.



Michael James grabs a sip of water during a timeout as he and teammates prepare to return to play.

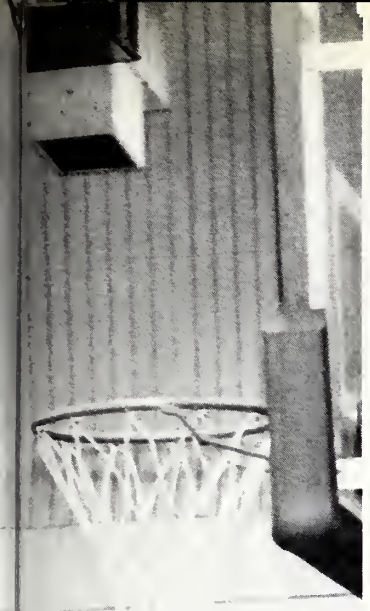
No. 43 Tyrone Stowers approaches the goal as an unidentified teammate battles for the rebound.

Paula Nash watches her shot go up as Shontel Lowe appears to be coming down. Beverly Ware (#21) prepares to work for the rebound.

Shontel Lowe, her leg taped because of a pulled thigh muscle, doesn't realize that it's teammate Carolyn Boatman who is also battling for the rebound.

Tammie Rigdon (left) approaches the play as Brooke Smith is fouled on a shot from the lane.

Playing with the intensity which characterized her play, Tonya Stowers defenses her opponent as Carolyn Boatman covers the player inside.



Another Winning Season for Lady Warriors

It's the thing which every coach dreads, and it's the thing which, down the stretch of basketball season, can determine championship teams. The "it" is injuries, and the 90-91 Lady Warriors experienced more than their share.

In fact, Coach Sammy Pace remembers the season as having "more injuries than I have ever experienced in my coaching career."

Even with the injuries which ranged from a severe knee injury requiring immediate surgery to torn thigh muscles, to back injuries, it was a good season.

"This was a good season," Pace observed. "Any time a coach has a winning season, he has to call it a good season." It was a season which saw some good individual effort from girls who were enduring a lot of pain.

It was a season which saw three Lady Warrior's sign with Division I schools, and that is a compliment to both the team and the school.

The Lady Warrior team members included: Tonya Stowers, Natasha Willis, Gloria Clay, Jackie Gladney, and Apryl Hendon; (Back) Beverly Ware, Carolyn Boatman, Paula Nash, Misty Wright, Shontel Lowe, Brooke Smith, Shea Oakley, and Marcell Gray.

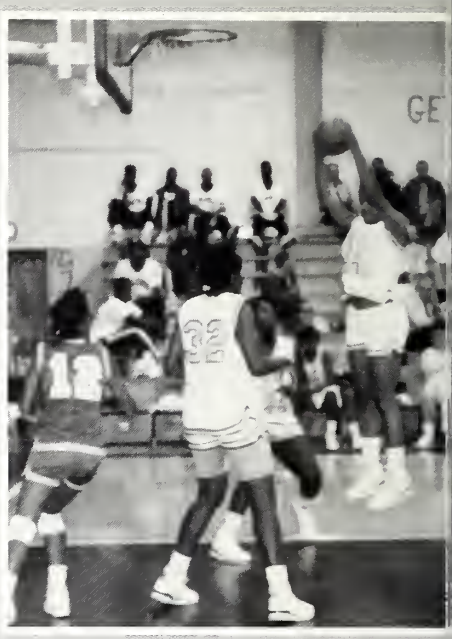
A chance to sit down for two minutes is a welcome relief to team members who get a breather while listening to instructions from Coach Pace.

EC Knows Basketball

The sound of squeaking shoe soles on hardwood floors always brings out the fans in East Central Mississippi who come to watch Warrior basketball. It has been that way since the glory days of Warrior roundball in the mid-fifties and continues today.

Fans turn out for Warrior basketball in championship seasons and in lean seasons. Students, faculty, parents and basketball fans gather for home games and enjoy the camaraderie of the group as well as the games.

Coaches Sammy Pace and Jay Bowen begin early in the season to prepare the teams to make the best showing possible, and as soon as the season ends, they begin recruiting for the next season.



Sophomore Lady Warrior Carolyn Boatman comes down with one of the many rebounds she snagged this year as Shontel Lowe stands by.

No. 42 Tony Bailey, a freshman from Atlanta, watches as the ball leaves the hands of teammate Kevin Kennedy. Tyrone Stowers approaches the play from the other side.

In a pre-season tournament, sophomore Paula Nash drives the lane as No. 21 Beverly Ware prepares to rebound.

Freshman standout Tony Bailey watches a his shot drops through the net for another tw points.

Michael James, 6'8" forward from Gary, Indiana, out jumps his opponent to take the rebound. Mark Stribling (#32) and Tyrone Stowers (#43) prepare to enter the play.

Tiny Apryl Hendon plays defense with the same intensity she puts into offense. Shontel Lowe and Brooke Smith cover the middle.

"The Boys of Spring"

Fourth year Warrior baseball coach Jamie Clark approached the 1991 season with what is normally termed "cautious optimism."

Facing a season in which he would field a team of 21 freshmen and only 9 sophomores, Clark focused on the positive aspects of the season.

"I see a new enthusiasm for baseball on the campus," Clark observed. "I think we have definitely made progress in our program in the last three years, and the excitement among the students is one evidence of that."

The Warriors play a 48-game schedule, with nearly every game being part of a doubleheader. Because of the distance between schools, the doubleheader format is a means of conserving on travel expense for the team and is generally viewed as a positive factor.

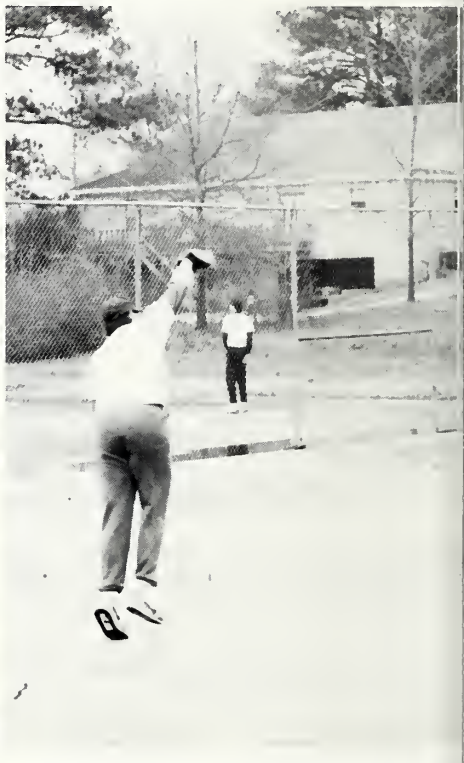
In the pitching arena, Clark was looking to returning sophomores Greg Perry, Brian Jones, David Luke and Jon Powers to provide leadership not only on the mound but in the area of team leadership as well.

Clay Courville, Jamey Champion, and Wendell Whitehead were expected to do yeoman's duties at the bat as well as in the field.

In preparing the freshmen for play, Clark felt that fall practice was a big help. "It brought the freshman players far enough along so that they can contribute in a very significant manner," he stated.

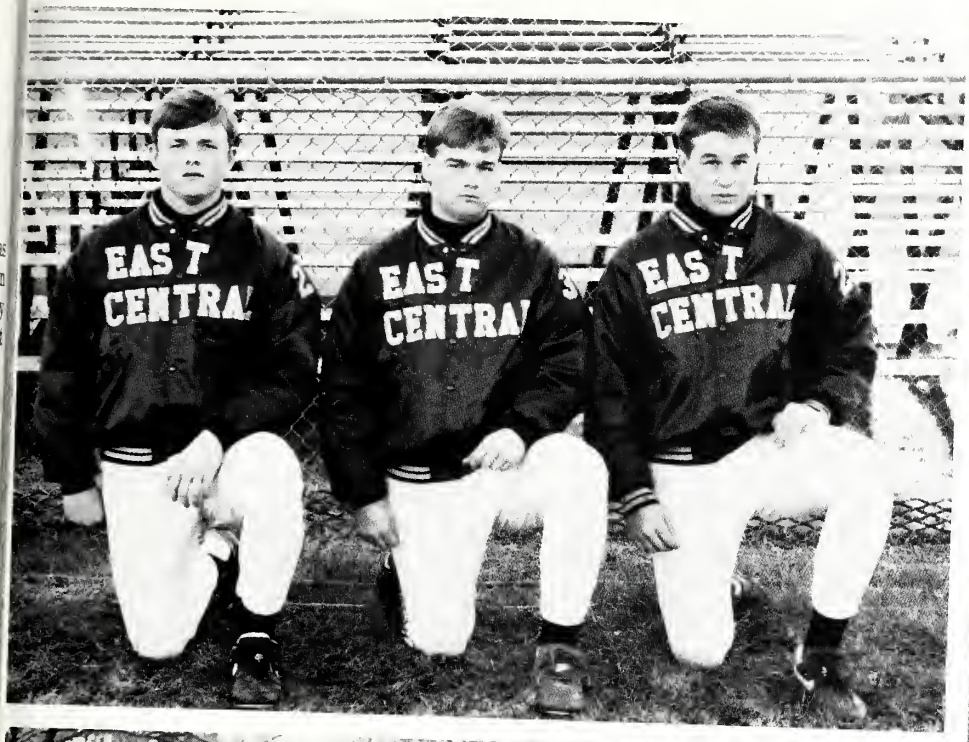
"I'm very proud of this year's group of players," Clark said. "They are a good group of guys, both on the field and off. I hear good things about them from teachers and I hope they can look back on their experience here and view it as a period in their lives when they grew as individuals, not just as baseball players."

Posing for their pre-season official team photo, the baseball Warriors included: Matthew Freney, Scott Sumerall, Wendell Whitehead, Doug Williams, Derrick Glenn, Jake Yarborough, Johnny Jackson, Andy Magoun, and David Martin; (Row 2) Fabian Huddleston, Jerry Dupuy, Britten Oubrey, Fred Jones, Greg Perry, Clay Courville, Scott Hines, Jon Powers, Jamey Champion, (Row 3) Stacy Thames, Justin Harrelson, Trampas Amedee, Brian Jones, Robby Brady, Ritchie Rivers, Anthony White, Jay Gibson, Tommy Joiner, David Luke, and Larod Odom.



Jay Gibson leaps for a catch on the tennis courts. In early spring when the field was too wet for practice, Coach Jamie Clark took his team to the tennis courts to practice. "It probably looks confusing to people passing by," Clark commented, "but it's better than not practicing at all on a wet day."

Warrior team captains for the 1991 season are: Jamey Champion, Gregg Perry, and Scott Hines, three outstanding returning players from the 1990 season.



Andy Magoun makes a throw across the tennis net in practice on the tennis court as other Warriors play pitch and catch in the background.

1991 Warrior Schedule

Feb. 26	Clarke - T
March 1	Mary Holmes - T
March 2	Itawamba - H
March 5	Co-Lin - T
March 6	Wallace - H
March 7	Wallace - H
March 9	Southwest - H
March 19	*Jackson, TN - H
March 20	*Jackson, TN - H
March 22	Mary Holmes - H
March 23	Hinds - H
March 25	Three Rivers - H
March 27	Jones - T
March 29	*Itawamba - T
March 30	*Itawamba - T
April 2	Gulf Coast - H
April 6	Pearl River - T
April 8	Holmes - T
April 10	Co-Lin - H
April 13	Southwest - T
April 15	Clarke - H
April 20	Hinds - T
April 22	Holmes - T
April 24	Jones - H
April 27	Gulf Coast - T
April 30	Pearl River - H

*Denotes single game; all others are doubleheaders

In support of the campus SADD Chapter, basketball cheerleaders wore "Students Athletes Detest Drugs" buttons. Michelle makes sure Charlie's button is secure.

Building pyramids isn't as easy as it looks. Football cheerleaders practiced long hours to make it look easy.

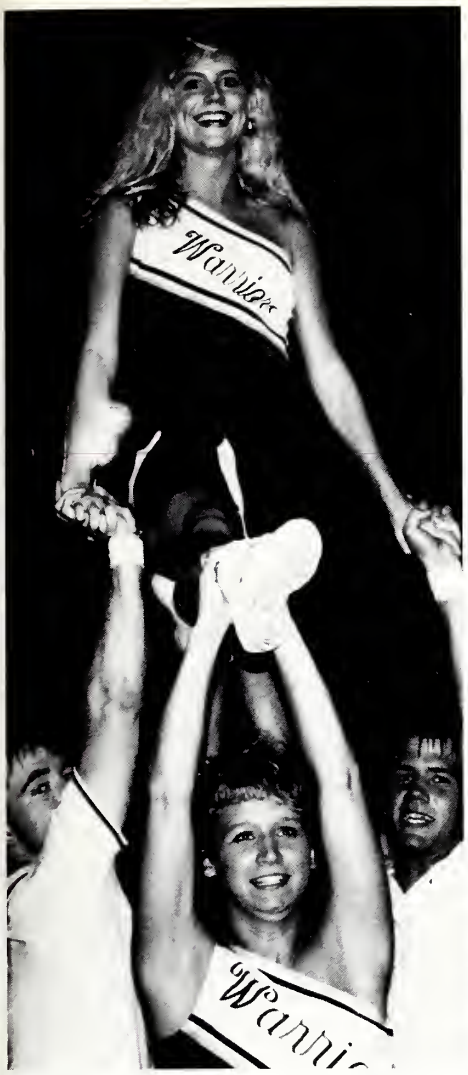
Keeping the Warrior Spirit Alive

One of the busiest and most visible groups on the East Central campus is the cheerleading squad. Arriving on campus before other students, the football cheerleaders have already had hours of practice and have attended a camp to prepare them for the arduous task of leading the fans in support of the football team.

All of the cheerleaders agree that it is both an interesting and a challenging job. "I loved being a cheerleader," one sophomore confided, "but I never would have guessed how much time it would take. Between practicing and making signs, the week days and nights were full; and then there were games on weekends. But I loved it."

Cheerleader sponsor Melissa Lewis acknowledges the hard work her squad put in and agrees that the hard work is necessary for a professional quality performance.

1990 Warrior cheerleaders include: (Front) Wendy Ellis, Ginger Buckley, Pamela Pruitt (Warrior Chief), Kristi Patrick, and Machelle Everett; (Back) Steve Tucker, Bethany Brantley, Ocean Moore, David LeBlanc, Charlie Moorhead, Michelle Mitchell, Amy Fussell, and Matt Strum. Not pictured: Kimberly Shirley.



One of the most acrobatic groups in recent years, this year's cheerleaders added more lifts, tumbles, and spins to their routines.

"Take it to the hoop!" basketball cheerleaders implore the team. Ocean, Michelle, Charlie and Steve all served as both basketball and football cheerleaders.

Basketball cheerleaders are: (Front) Matt Strum, Michelle Mitchell, Charlie Moorhead; (Back) Kimberly Shirley, Steve Tucker, Wendy Ellis, David LeBlancc, and Ocean Moore.

EC Cheerleaders Stay Busy

When the football season begins to wind down, thoughts of basketball begin to surface; and cheerleaders begin to prepare for the new season.

Cheering at basketball games is much different from cheering at football games, so a different type of technique is needed. Outside at football games, cheerleaders can use many more types of cheers with a great deal more physical activity. Basketball requires more subdued types of cheers.

Another difference observed by a cheerleader who served on both squads is that the basketball cheerleader is almost in the thick of the game whereas football cheerleaders are farther away and thus somewhat removed from the action. "Sometimes we are almost in the game," freshman cheerleader Wendy Ellis stated, "especially in a really active men's game. We have to scramble around to stay out of their way, and if you're involved in the game, it's not always easy to remember to run when the play is coming right at you."

Homerun, Sideout, TD, or Three Pointer: Intramurals are "Where It's At"

Mike Anderson loves his job! Every day Mike gets up and comes to East Central to help students have a good time, and from all indications he's doing a pretty good job.

This year, as in years past, Mike Anderson's handling of the intramural program has resulted in massive participation in all the competitions, from flag football in the fall to softball in the spring.

When asked which intramural sport was the most popular, Anderson answered that softball involved more people but that every one of the games had a sizable following.

In flag football, each year the East Central men's winner takes on East Mississippi's winner in an intercollegiate game. This year, the team which called itself "Phi Hook 'em Juke'em" came out victorious in the seven-team field and went on to defeat "Scooba" by a score of 42-36 in overtime.

Coed flag football had three teams competing with the "Yardbirds" emerging as champions.

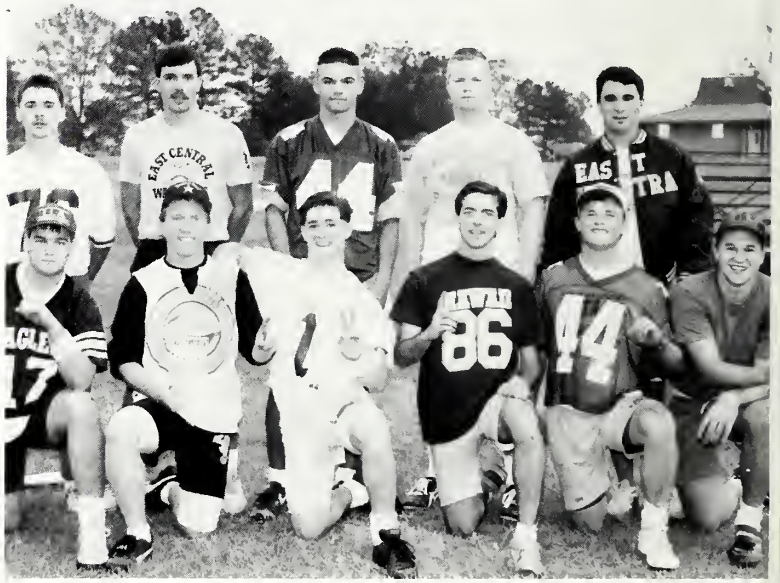
Four men's volleyball teams competed, and Southern Comfort, coached by Shelby Donald, was the champion. Members of the team included Jamie Watkins, Eric Estep, Brian Carpenter, Del Crocker, Stacy Gill, Charlie Morehead, William Tucker, Brett Tucker, Eddie Rutherford, Ralph Duran and Brian Cooper.

In men's three-on-three basketball, the "Three Phi Jammers," composed of Donald Culberson, Stacy Thames, Lerod Odom, and Roger Bloodsaw, won the championship under Corey Harden's coaching. In women's three-on-three, "Da Girls," coached by Melissa Benson, won. The team consisted of Sadie Triplett, Tasha Boulton, Pam Pruitt, and Nichole Flanigan.

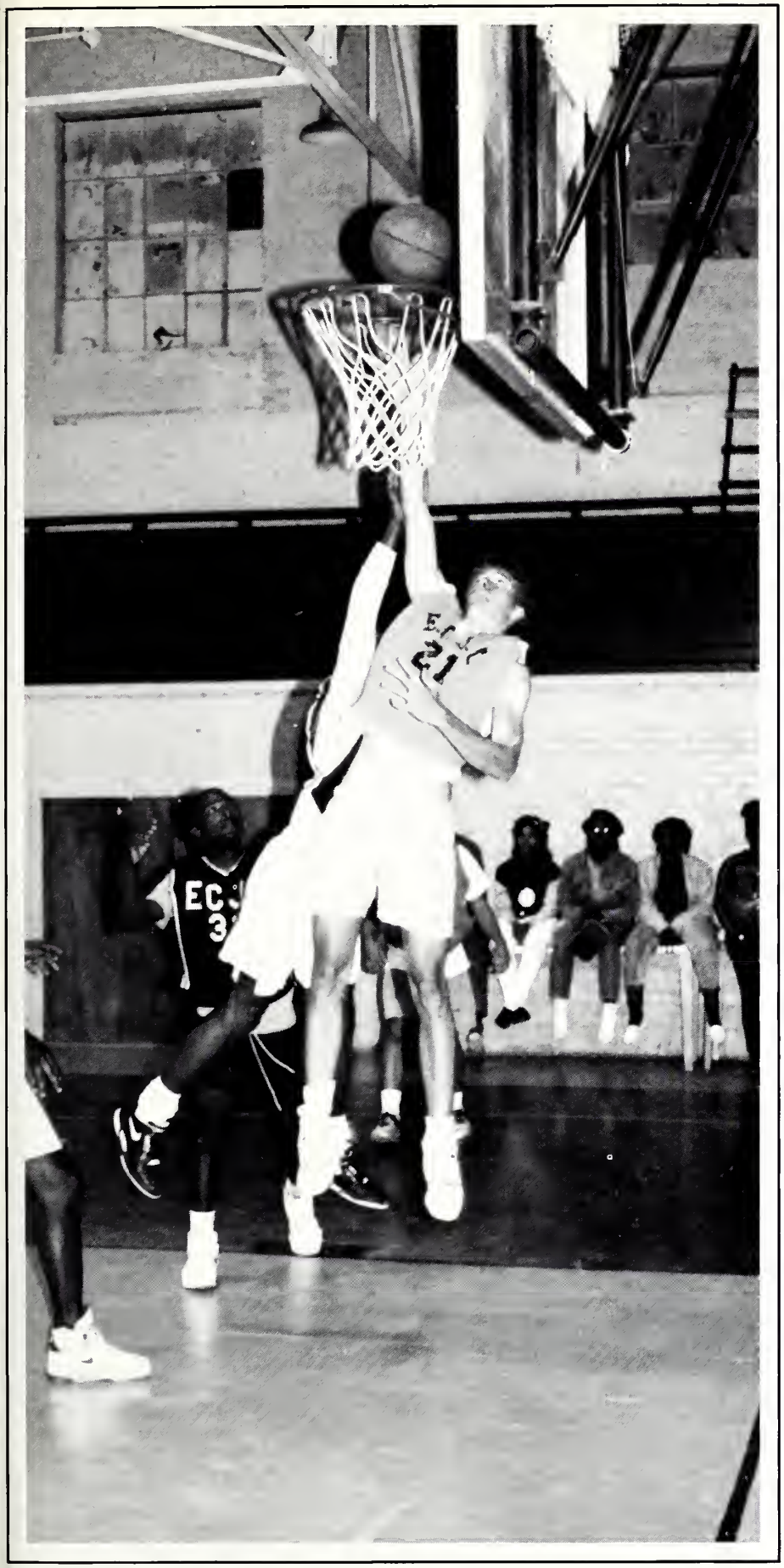
In the basketball (five-member teams), twelve men's teams, four coed teams, and three women's teams completed.

Other intramural competitions include pool, pingpong, and softball.

The "Yardbirds" pose for a victory photograph after winning the Coed Championship in flag football. Team members are: (Front) Brian Cooper, Ricky Walker, Ken McMullan and Ab Germany; (Back) Karla McDill, Kim Griffin, Tam Cooper, Shawn White, and Misty Cornett. Members not pictured are Patsy Harris, Josh Graham, Danny Leach, Brett Tucker, and David Campbell.



Winners in the men's division of flag football were the "Phi Hookem' and Jookems." Celebrating their championship are team members: Greg Perry, Brent Lawrence, Scott Reed, Jon Powers, Jamey Champion, Scott Hines, (Standing) Billy Fish, David Luke, Kevin Duet, Matt Smith, and Clay Courville.



Jimbo Edwards goes up for a tip-in in one of many hotly-contested intramural basketball games. Roger Bloodsaw (with EC on shirt) waits for the results of the play.

Scooter Perry (center, with stripes on sleeve) and teammates celebrate a big play with high fives. Others enjoying the celebration are Matt Smith (right), Brent Lawrence (back to camera) and Jon Powers (left).

The Sporting Things to Do

Hardly a day goes by at East Central that some "sporting activity" is not taking place. Whether it's varsity football, basketball, or baseball (or practice for one of those), or whether it's a pick-up game of three-on-three in the old gym, EC students take their sports seriously.

One evidence of the interest in sports and physical activity is the heavy use of the four tennis courts. Even on the coldest days of January, if nothing is falling from the sky, students can be found hitting a tennis ball until 10 p.m. when the lights go out on the courts.

Another suggestion that students enjoy sports is the high degree of participation in intramural sports. Before one champion is crowned in intramural, another sport is already beginning, a fact which keeps Activities Center Director Mike Anderson hopping from August until May.

The annual spring spree, held a few weeks before the end of school, offers a chance for more unique sporting activities, including sack races, egg races, and mudpit-log competitions.

All in all, when the year is finished, students can always look back and know that EC really does offer many "sporting things to do."

Willie McClelland, freshman standout from Beulah Hubbard, shows the form which earned him the reputation of a tough competitor. Coaches anticipated that McClelland would be a key in his sophomore year.

Robby Brady and Tommy Joiner join other varsity baseball players in a wet weather practice on the tennis courts.

Sophomore Tony Kidd goes up for one of the many receptions he made in his two years as a Warrior football player. A native of Alabama, Kidd felt at home in a Warrior uniform and on the EC campus.

Designated as EC's "Roundball Recruiters," this group of young ladies served as informal hostesses at home basketball games and worked with the coaches to emphasize EC's basketball program. The group included Kristi Patrick, Twyla Kemp, Bethany Brantley; (Standing) Wendy Ellis, Michelle Mitchell, Michalle Everett, Amy Fussell, and Ocean Moore.

In spring, when young men's fancies turn to thoughts of baseball, East Central's Diamond Girls are there to support them. The Diamond Girls not only serve as bat girls but work in the concession stand and generally support the coach and players. The group included: Angie Nicholson, Amy Cumberland, Sherri Williamson, Stacy Williamson, Janet Vance; (Row 2) Christina Wood, Teresa Johnson, Michalle Everett, Shawn White, Stacy Copeland; (Row 3) Wendy Ellis, Melanie Wilcher, Amy Fussell, Michelle Mitchell and Ginger Buckley.

On a sunny spring day, Michalle Everett shows her winning form in the baseball throw. Spring Spree, an annual event which features student teams competing in a series of events which allow for all degrees of athletic prowess, is sponsored by the SBA. Basketball coach Jay Bowen is one of the proctors.

We've Come a Long Way

About twenty years ago, two young couples who were students at East Central lived side by side in apartments in Leake Hall. One of the couples had a baby boy while the other couple had a baby girl.

Since they were all in school, the two couples shared babysitting chores, exchanged meals, and generally lived like one big family.

Time passed, and the two couples went their separate ways. The baby boy and baby girl grew up, and amazingly enough in the fall of 1989, they both enrolled as freshmen at East Central.

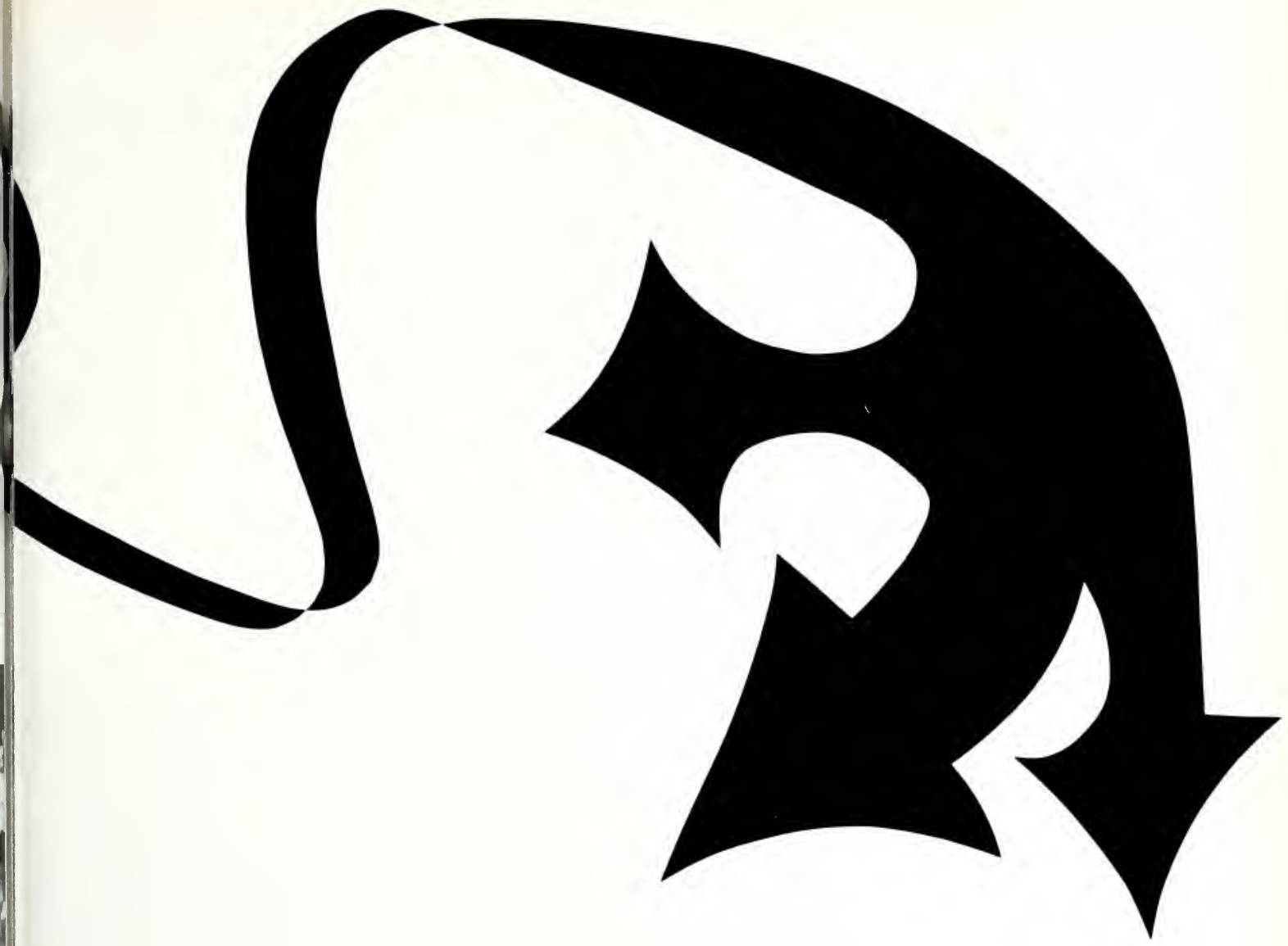
Brent Bailey and Kristi Patrick went on to become two of the most popular students at East Central, and they enjoyed remembering all the tales their parents told about the days when they lived in Leake Hall.

Brent Bailey and Kristi Patrick recreate a scene on the front campus which should bring back a lot of memories their parents who remember when the two played together on the East Central campus as small children.

A quick scan of the following People Section will reveal a pleasant mixture of faces. The East central student body is as diverse as it is possible to be, with students from old to young, tall to short, skinny to chubby.

This year's student body totaled 1370. Of that group, 1332 were from Mississippi, with 38 coming from out of state. Of the Mississippians, 55 were out of district students.

Bethany Brantley and Amy Fussel sport their Mardi Gras masks at a mall pep rally. Cheerleaders take on major responsibility for school spirit in addition to handling class loads.



Directory Assistance

For Busy College President, "Little House Means a Lot"

They call it the "Little House" (and it is small), but the importance of their weekend getaway cottage is anything but small to Eddie and Charlotte Smith.

After a busy week during which the days often run from 8 a.m. until 10 or 11 p.m., the Smiths look forward to retreating to their weekend home near Decatur.

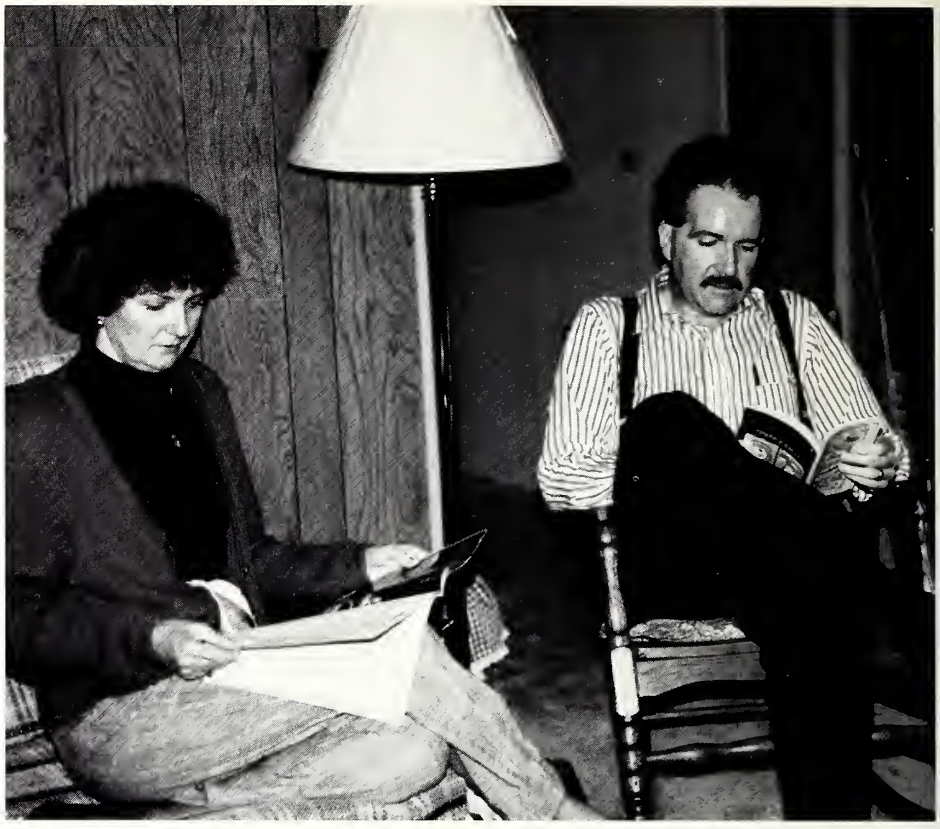
"We had always wanted a little place in the country where we could go to relax," Dr. Smith said. "And soon after we came to Decatur, we started seriously making plans.

"The fact that the college carpentry department was interested in building small structures for individuals who would purchase the materials placed the dream within the realm of possibility, so we proceeded."

Since both of the Smiths are avid collectors of antiques and "collectibles," the Little House offered the perfect place to utilize their collections. For example, separating the kitchen area from the dining area there is a primitive flour and meal bin which stands on four legs and doubles as a counter. Above this bin hangs the Smiths' collection of iron kettles and pots.

In one corner there is an old wooden ironing board while sitting on the hearth is a 1920s vintage electric fan (which does operate).

After moving the house to the country from the carpentry department, the Smiths decided to add a deck on the back, and it is one of their favorite spots to relax. "We see all kinds of wildlife from the deck," the President said, "and we really enjoy seeing the many different wildflowers and vines bloom in the spring."



In a rare quiet moment, the Smiths enjoy one of their favorite pastimes. Just out of sight is the fireplace which provides a cozy atmosphere for reading.

Relaxing in the antique bentwood porch chair with a view of dense woodlands behind, Dr. Smith and Charlotte see their deck as a place to be close to nature. Squirrels and birds are frequent visitors to the rail where they know food will be waiting.

The split oak bench with peg legs is another of the Smiths' "finds." "About the only reason we will leave the Little House on a Saturday is to go to a flea market or antique shop," Dr. Smith commented.

Dr. Smith reaches for an orange as he and Charlotte prepare for a late night snack. Behind Dr. Smith is a Hoosier cabinet, and in the opposite corner is the wooden ironing board which both of the Smiths prize.

In 1928, a group of concerned citizens and educators met to consider a new direction for education in East Central Mississippi. That new direction would be the establishment of what is today East Central Community College.

Those responsible for founding the college were men and women of great vision, for they successfully laid the foundation for an institution which would eventually serve in many capacities the educational needs of the five counties forming the East Central District.

East Central began as a junior college offering a liberal arts education. Since those early beginnings, the mission of the college has been expanded to include many programs in vocational-technical instruction, academic instruction, adult literacy education, continuing always to respond to the educational needs of the community.

Although the first two-year college in the nation was established in Joliet, Illinois in 1903, Mississippi created the first organized system of community colleges in the United States. East Central takes pride in being one of the first community colleges established in the Mississippi system.

Citizens of its five supporting counties can also be proud of the tradition established at East Central of always seeking opportunities to serve the community better. Further, parents and students can readily see the advantages of attending East Central because of the modest tuition, quality instruction, and opportunities for leadership.

Although East Central has never veered from its basic goals laid down by the founders, the college has always sought new directions in teaching, learning, and serving. When talking with alumni and hearing of their successes, I am even more convinced that East Central Community College has something very special to offer those who choose to call the college their alma mater.

Dr. Eddie M. Smith, President

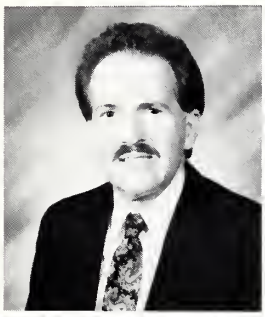
Officers of the East Central Board of Trustees include: Sam Bounds, Secretary; Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth, Chairman; and Jerry K. Moore, Vice-President.

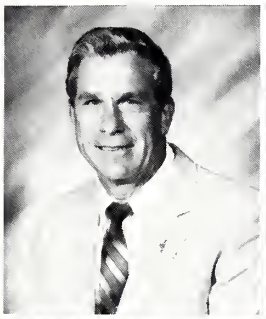
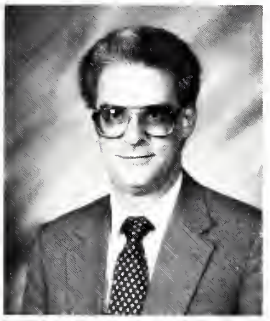
Bounds has served on the Board since October 1978; Hudspeth, since October 1968; and Moore, from January 1962 to 1971 and from 1973 until the present.

As Officers of the Board, these three men maintain close contact with Dr. Eddie Smith and meet with Dr. Smith prior to each meeting of the Board to review the agenda of the upcoming meeting.

Current members of the East Central Board of Trustees are: Ralph Henry, Neshoba; Prentice Copeland, Neshoba; A.F. Hollingsworth, Scott; Mrs. Joyce Harrison, Scott; Mrs. Kathryn Walters, Newton; Mrs. Rivers Breazeale, Neshoba; Mrs. Rebecca Farris, Scott; Miss Mattye Evans, Scott; Vernon Crotwell, Scott; L.E. Cliburn, Neshoba; (Second Row) J.C. Williamson, Neshoba; Randal Livingston, Winston; Leo Parker, Winston; Eugene Buntyn, Newton; Lamar Blount, Newton; Cline Watkins, Leake; Leon Tadlock, Scott; Sam Bounds, Newton; Joel Chancellor, Leake; (Third Row) Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth, Winston; Joe Edd Kea, Leake; Jerry K. Moore, Leake; Dr. Fred Perkins, Winston; Silas O'Neal, Leake; V.C. Manning, Neshoba; Glendon Caraway, Newton; and Billy Nicholson, Newton. (Not Pictured) Benjamin L. Johnson, Leake; Mrs. Ann Wood, Winston; and Jerry Nance, Winston.

Administration Leads EC Into Nineties



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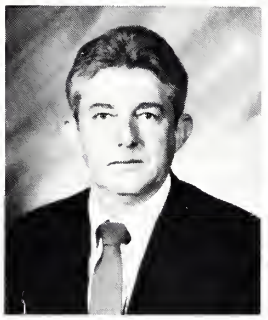

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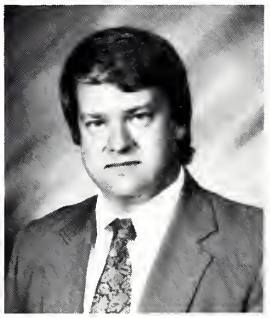


Chester Clark, Asst. Director of Vocational-Technical Instruction
Earle "Bubby" Johnston, Director of Public Information

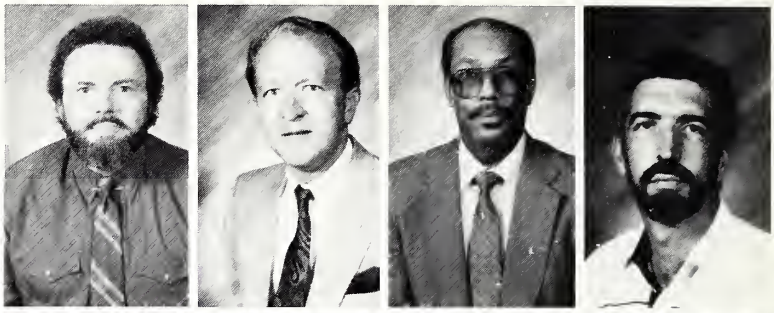
Not Pictured: Clinton Russell, Director of Buildings and Grounds

Harry Carter, Director of the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Vocational-Technical Center, has been at the head of the center since it opened in 1983.

A graduate of East Central, Carter holds B.S. and M.S. Degrees from Mississippi State and is highly regarded in Mississippi among administrators and instructors in vocational-technical education.

In the seven years he has been at the Philadelphia-Neshoba County Center, the Director has led the center in keeping abreast of changes in programs offered so that students from Philadelphia High School and Neshoba County High School continue to enjoy the latest technology in the fields they have chosen.

Faculty and Staff



Alfred Bailey, Dir. Voc. Individualized Developmental System
Leonard Barrier, English
James Bayne, Metal Fabrication Tech.
Larry Blackburn, Carpentry

Jay Bowen, Men's Basketball Coach & Student Recruiter
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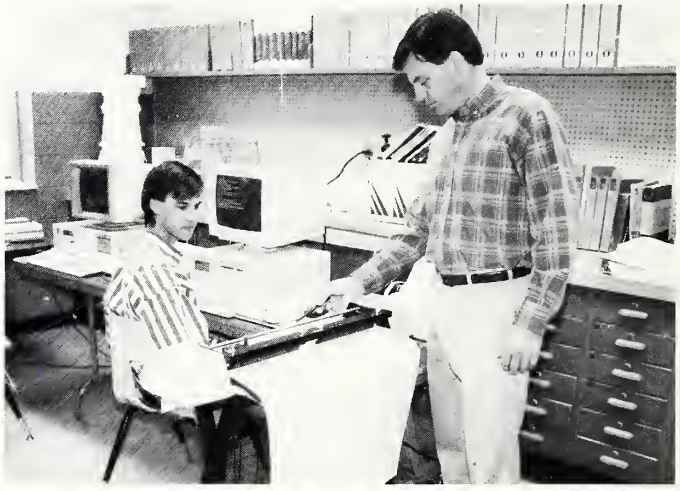

Drafting and Design instructor Ricky Harrison assists Brent Townsend with a computer problem in CAD (Computer Aided Design). Harrison has taught at EC for eight years and has noted some big changes in his field, notably the introduction of computers in drafting and design.

Ann Burkes, Librarian
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Thomas Carson, Band Director & Music

Linette Chancellor, Cosmetology
Audrey Clark, Secc. to Dean of Students
Joe Clark, Dean of Men & Mathematics
Lou Clark, Sec. to Dir. of Admissions

Richard Clark, Machine Shop
Ronald Davis, Biological Science
Alford Deaton, Physical Science
Barbara Deaton, Communications Office

Jimmy Dempsey, Vocational Counselor
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Michelle Ergle, Business Technology
Dr. Richard C. Ethridge, Social Sciences

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Conrad Germany, Body & Fender Repair
Laurie Glaze, Economics

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Ricky Harrison, Drafting Design
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Charles Hinson, Music
Roberta Holt, Bus. Admin. & Accounting

Sandra Hooker, Sec. to Dean of Academics
Gregg Jefcoat, Academic Counselor
Brenda Johnson, Child Care
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Wallace Keen, Automated Mfg. Tech.
Leesa Lee, Music
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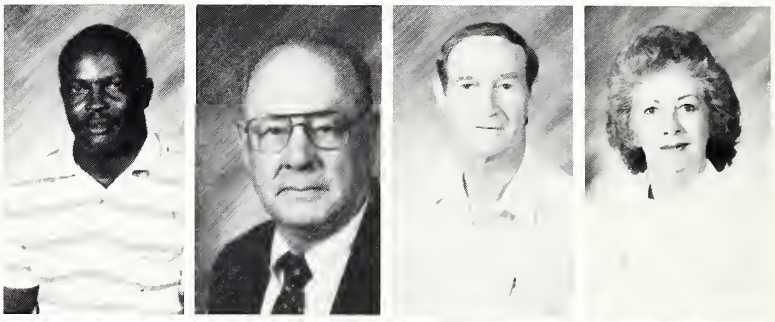

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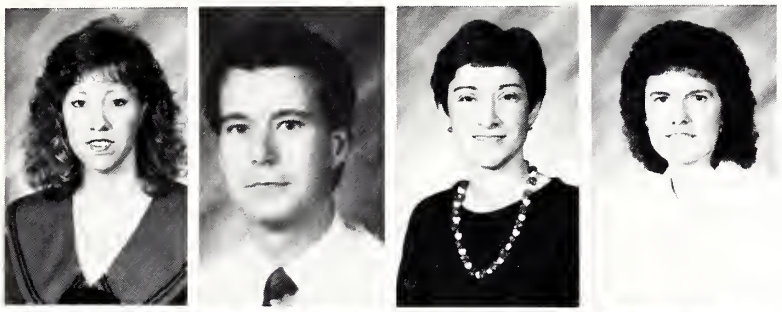

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Sheila Stamper, Business Office
Teresa Stroud, Dean of Students' Office

Vivian Taylor, Business Office
Thomas Thrash, Social Sciences
Tony Triplett, Asst. Football Coach & VIDS Lab
June Vaughn, Accountant

Ricky Vaughn, Electricity
Carol Vickers, English
Ovid Vickers, English
Burma Weidler, Financial Aid Office

Cheryl Winstead, Electronics
Gail Wood, Asst. Librarian
Lucille Wood, Physical Education & Health

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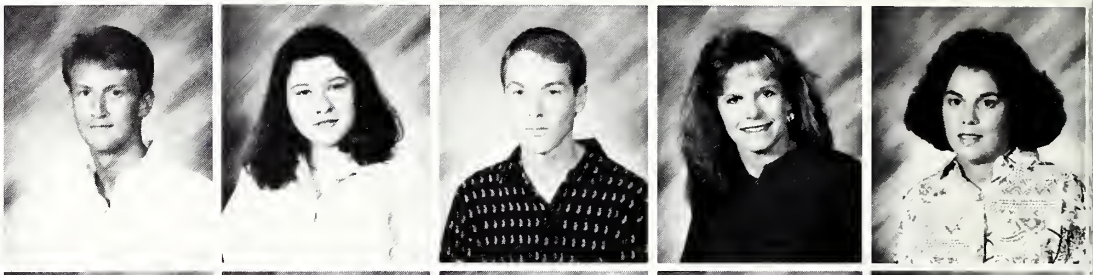
The Student Body 1990-91

Tracy Adcock, Noxapater, **S**
Michelle Alawine, Newton **F**
Bert Albritton, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Angie Alderman, Leake Ac., **S**
Dawn Alexander, Beulah Hubbard, **S**



Amy Alford, Neshoba Cent., **S**
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Phillip Allen, Forest, **F**
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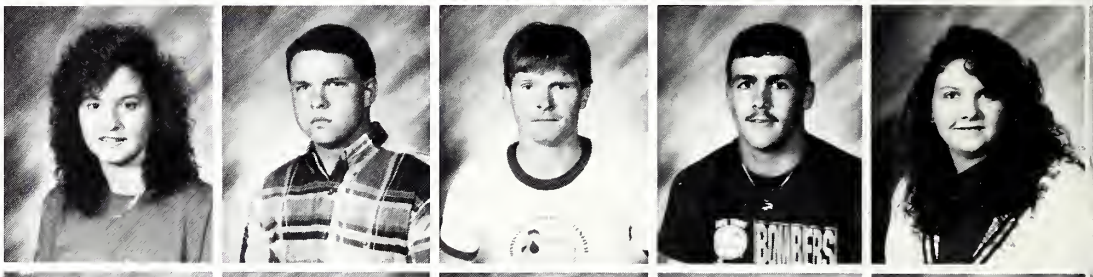
Angela Anderson, Union, **F**



Lisa Anderson, Neshoba Cent., **F**
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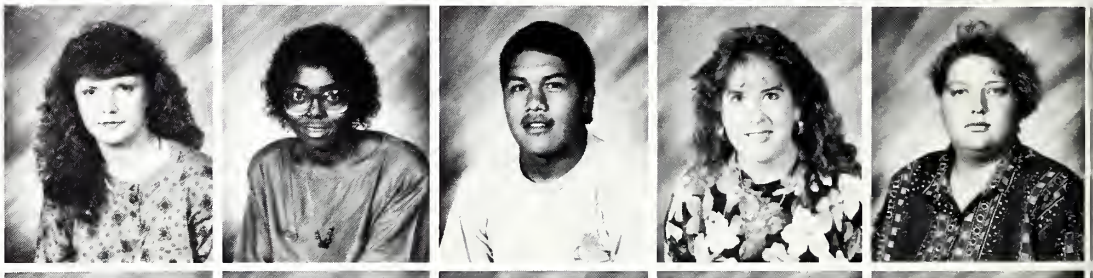
Randy Anderson, Choctaw Cent., **F**
Lee Anne Anthony, Sebastopol, **S**
Pamela Apperson, Neshoba Cent., **F**



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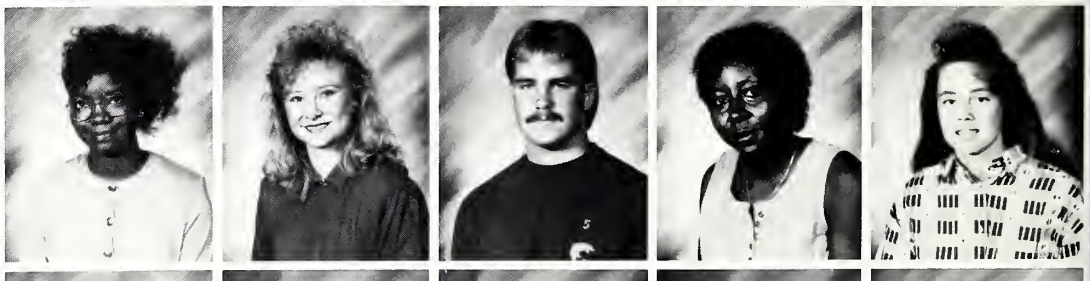

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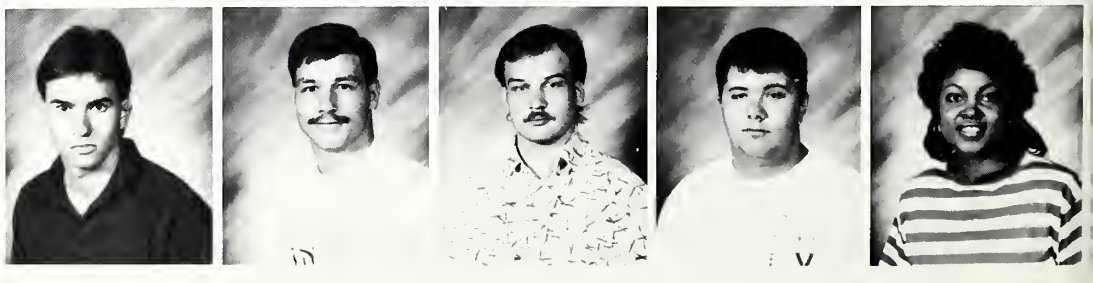

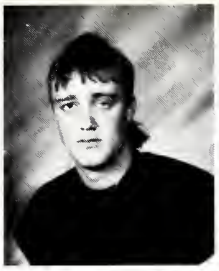
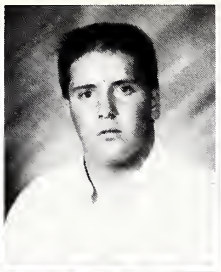
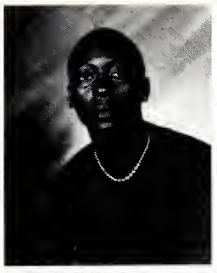
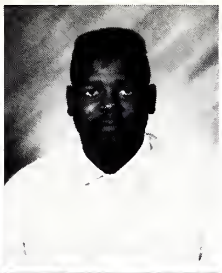

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Ben Baxley, Decatur, **F**
Michael Beasley, Edinburg, **S**
Marcus Beason, Hickory, **F**
Tracy Beeman, Louisville, **S**

Jared Beiriger, St. Amant, LA, **F**
Pamela Belk, Union, **F**
Belinda Bell, Sebastopol, **F**
Elizabeth Bell, Forest, **S**
Willie Ben, Conehatta, **F**

Chris Edwards, Linda Kelly (back to camera), Lisa Thompson, and Shawn White (black dress) take time out from dancing for a lively bit of "girl chat."

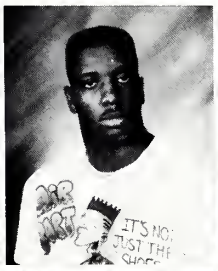
Dancin' the Night Away

It all started as a money-making project of the Warrior Corps. The group had decided that as their end-of-year trip they wanted to go snowskiing, but money was a big consideration. "Let's sponsor a formal dance," someone suggested, and the rest is, to borrow a cliche, history.

The first-ever Warrior Corps Christmas formal, while not an overwhelming financial success, was a hit with students. The rock group X-Pell was contacted and agreed to play. Many of the students had danced to the music of X-Pell at other dances and knew they were good.

"It was great," freshman Wendy Ellis commented, "I think that although they complain about it, both the girls and the guys enjoy getting dressed up and going to a more formal affair."

Sponsor Gregg Jefcoat labeled the dance "a big success in terms of student enjoyment and acceptance. And, after all, those are important aspects of any event."



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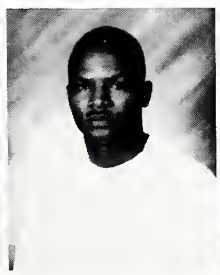
Laguina Bishop, Pearl, **F**
Robin Blackburn, Newton Ac., **F**



Lamar Blalock, Jr., Decatur, **F**
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Carolyn Boatman, Carthage, **S**
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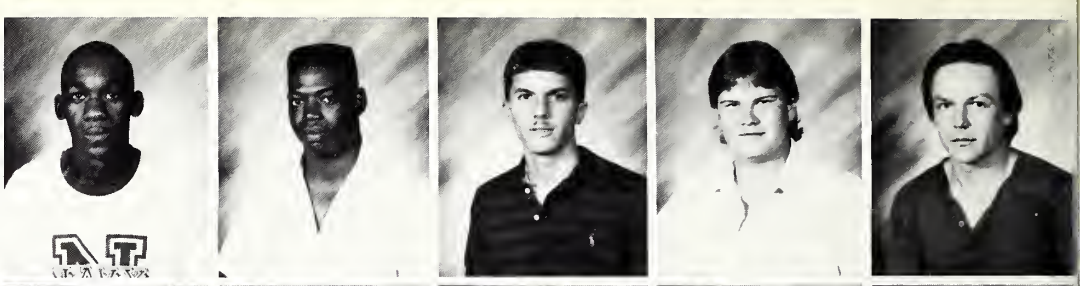


Keith Body, Carthage, **F**
Terry Bogan, Hickory, **S**
Bryan Booker, Philadelphia, **F**
Herbert Boone, Newton, **F**
Edgar Booth, Decatur, **F**

Michael Bostick, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Toshia Boulton, Decatur, **S**
Angie Bounds, Sebastopol, **F**
Scott Bounds, Conehatta, **S**
Allen Boutwell, Newton, **S**

Bring on the Marshmallows!

"Hey, anybody got any marshmallows?" This seems to be the question during halftime at one of EC's home football games in the fall.

It seems that the fire from feature twirler Karla Munn's fire baton escaped and started a small grass fire. The "incident" occurred just at the end of the halftime, after Karla had given one of her best performances.

In retrospect, nobody seemed to know what happened. "All I know," one band member said, "was that I looked around and half the crowd in the stand was craning to see what was happening."

"I was so embarrassed," Karla confided. "I felt like everybody was watching me, and that doesn't bother me when I'm performing. but that small little grass fire caused the most black smoke you've ever seen. I could just see the entire football field turned into a charred black mess when the players came back."

Happily, it all turned out well; unhappily nobody had any marshmallows.

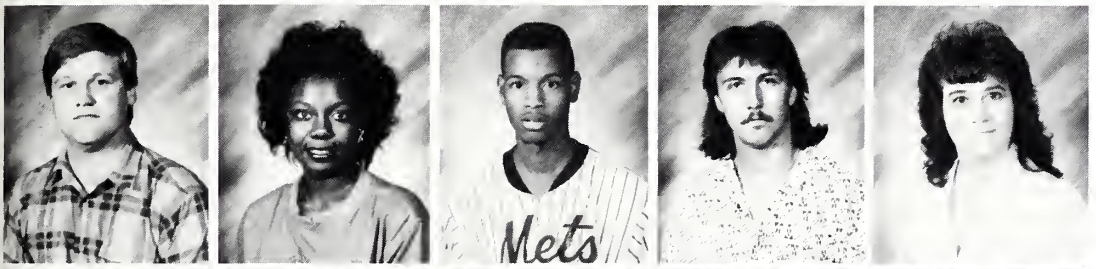
Sophomore Michael Roland, a member of the Warrior band from Carthage, warms himself at "Karla's fire."

Robert Boyd, Newton, **F**
William Boyd, Carthage, **F**
Michael Bradley, Union, **F**
Robby Brady, Beulah Hubbard, **F**
Henry Bland, Hickory, **F**

Mark Branning, Neshoba Cent., **S**
Bethany Brantley, Leake Ac., **S**
Carolyn Brantley, Lake, **F**
Devon Brantley, Carthage, **F**
Greta Brashier, Newton, **F**

Wes Breazeale, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Amy Breedlove, Union, **F**
Rene Breedlove, Philadelphia, **S**
Wanda Breedlove, Philadelphia, **S**
Chad Breland, Newton, **F**

Toni Breland, Union, **F**
Becky Brewer, Philadelphia, **F**
Annie Brown, Forest, **S**
David Brown, Tuscaloosa, AL, **F**
Jimmy Brown, Morton, **S**



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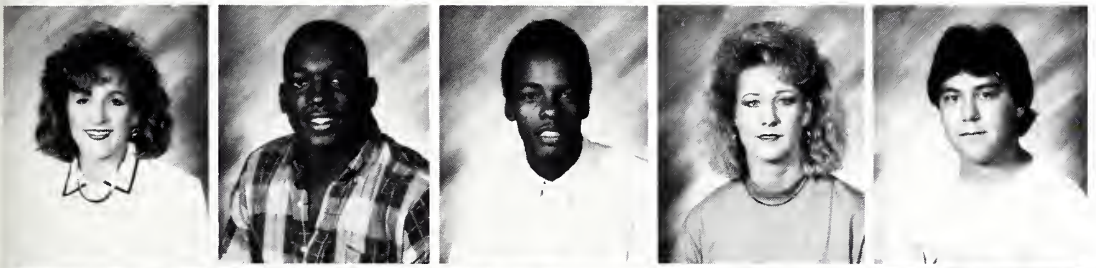
Vincent Brown, Meridian, **F**
Robert Brunson, Scott Cent., **F**
Patsy Bryan, Philadelphia, **S**



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Dynassus Buggs, Tuscaloosa, AL, **S**
Tammy Bulter, Newton, **S**
Joann Burks, Hickory, **F**
Charles Burt, Meridian, **F**

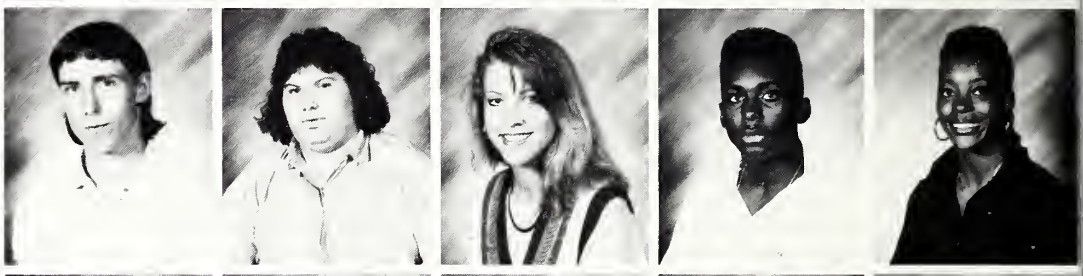
Lamont Byrd, Carrolton, GA, **F**
Rush Callahan, Scott Cent., **F**
Tina Calloway, Philadelphia, **F**
Katha Cammack, Hickory, **F**
Cindy Campbell, Edinburg, **F**

David Campbell, Decatur, **F**
Earl Campbell, Union, **F**
Tanya Carl, Forest, **F**
Brian Carpenter, Carthage, **S**
Bonnie Carr, Forest, **S**

Kathi Carroll, Sebastopol, **F**
Annette Carter, Morton, **S**
Lafayette Carter, Noxapater, **S**
Zaus Carter, Noxapater, **S**
Gay Chambleee, Neshoba Cent., **S**

James Champion, Demopolis, AL, **S**
Chris Childress, Noxapater, **S**
Lisa Cistrunk, Louisville, **F**
Zedrick Cistrunk, Louisville, **S**
Edwin Clark, Forest, **F**

Homer Clark, Philadelphia, **F**
Cay Clark, Hickory, **S**
Summer Clark, Winston Ac., **F**
Coby Clay, Philadelphia, **F**
Gloria Clay, Louisville, **F**



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Robin Cole, Union, **S**
David Coleman, Louisville, **F**

Kendrick Coleman, Louisville, **F**
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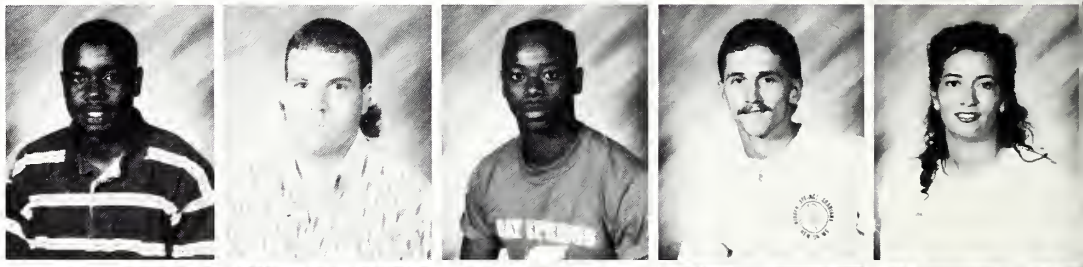
Tyrone Collien, Neshoba Cent., **F**
J.C. Collins, Decatur, **F**
Josephine Collins, Meridian, **F**



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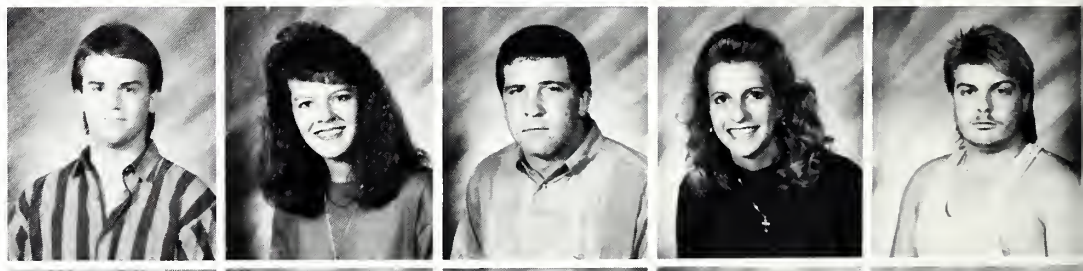
Barney Comans, Sebastopol, **S**
Royalene Comans, Walnut Grove, **F**
Shelia Cook, Carthage, **F**
Ricky Cook, Neshoba Cent., **F**

Brian Cooper, Decatur, **S**
Tam Cooper, Decatur, **F**
Brad Copeland, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Stacy Copeland, Warren Cent., **F**
Steve Coppock, Baton Rouge, LA, **F**



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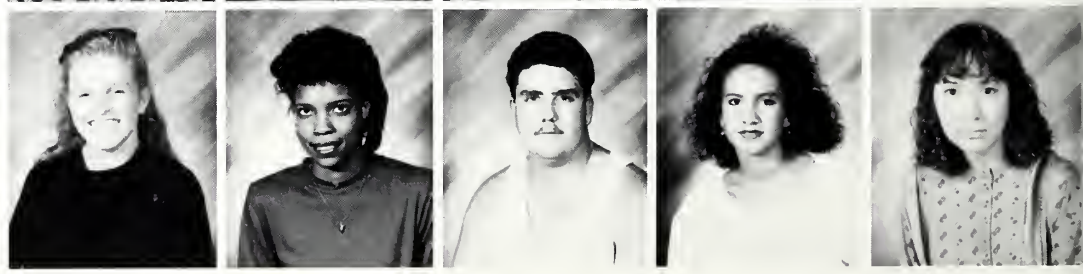
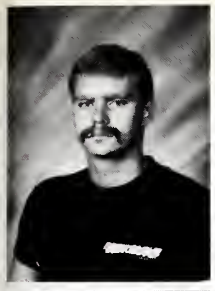
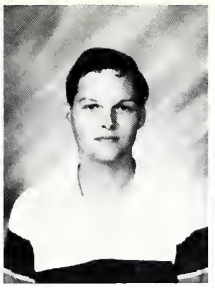
Robbie Crain, Scott Cent., **F**
Bridgette Creed, Louisville, **F**
Mary Crooke, Beulah Hubbard, **F**







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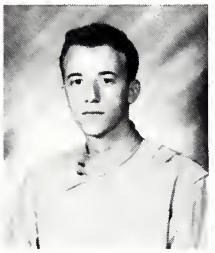
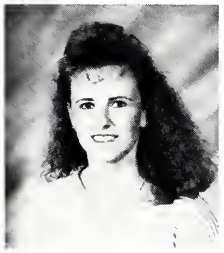
Vicky Cumberland, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Scott Cummings, Macon, **S**
Lisa Cunningham, Newton, **S**

Eddie Davenport, Meridian, **S**
Trina Daverson, Philadelphia, **S**
Jessie Davidson, Newton, **F**
James Davis, Neshoba Cent., **S**
Tina Davis, Newton, **F**

Strutting his stuff in his best dress and combat boots, Shelby Donald proves to be a crowd favorite.

A Vision in Combat Boots

Homecoming Week is a time of festivity and fun at East Central. This year, as has been true for a number of years, the "Mess" Pageant was just one of the highlights of the week.

Held as a part of the bonfire pep rally on Wednesday night, this year's Mess Pageant featured some of East Central's "loveliest" young "ladies" in a parade of beauty unequaled in recent history.

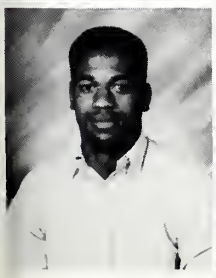
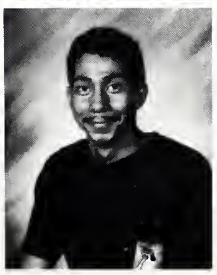
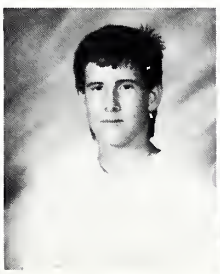
Among those entering were David "Soup" Campbell, Shelby Donald, Charlie Moorhead, and Tim Watkins.

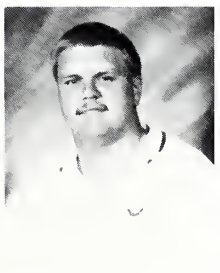
Attire for the Mess Pageant ranged from a cheerleader in leopard-skin tights to an overcoat, dress, and combat boots. Always amusing, the Mess Pageant added pizzaz to Homecoming 1990.

"I loved it," one freshman laughed.

"It was amazing how much like girls some of those guys looked," another spectator observed.

Virginia Davis, Forest, **F**
Stephanie Dear, Hickory, **S**
Melissa Denson, Morton, **F**
Shannon Dodson, Tuscaloosa, AL, **F**
Shelby Donald, Leake Ac., **S**



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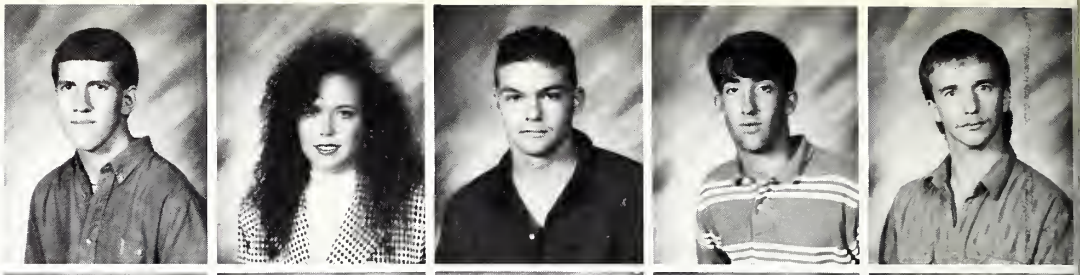
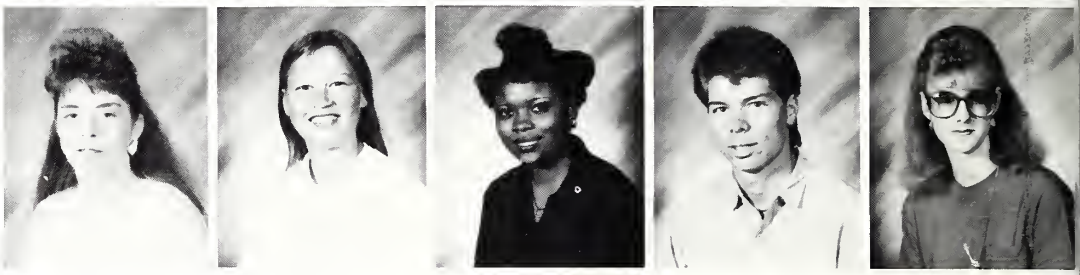
Linzie Dorris, South Leake, **S**
Kirt Doss, Philadelphia, **F**
Victoria Dotson, Louisville, **F**
Chad Driskell, Scott Cent., **S**

Michael Duke, Philadelphia, **S**
Machelle Dunn, Forest, **S**
Kevin Duet, Galliang, LA, **F**
Jerry Dupuy, Ventress, LA, **F**
Ralph Duran, Noxapater, **S**



Leigh Ann Durant, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Chris Edwards, Philadelphia, **S**
Dorothy Edwards, Newton, **S**
Jimbo Edwards, Calera, AL, **S**
Rachel Edwards, Sebastopol, **F**



On A Bicycle Built for Campus

The young coed is packing for college. She checks her belongings as she loads them into the car: hairdryer, cosmetics, tennis shoes, typewriter, bicycle. Bicycle?

A basic part of the belongings of more and more dormitory students is the bicycle. A quick trip through Jackson Hall will reveal several bicycles in rooms, in the hall, or locked to the stair rail.

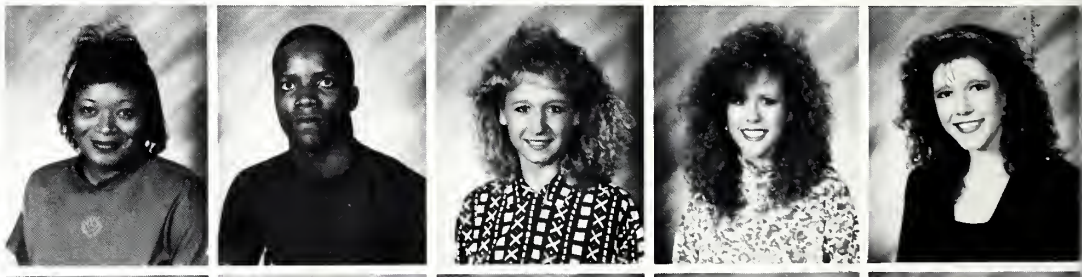
On a sunny day, students can be seen "tooling" around the campus on their bikes, stopping occasionally to visit or to wait on a slower friend.

"I think biking is a great way to keep in shape," a freshman girl confided, "and you get to see all the cute guys when you pass the men's dormitories. I bike every chance I get."

On university campuses where classes are far apart, bicycles might become a necessity since cars are a problem to park. But at East Central where the walk between classes is no more than a couple of minutes, bicycles are for pleasure. And more and more students are enjoying that pleasure.

Shawn White of Vicksburg rides her bike after classes. Shawn, whose parents also attended EC, has found biking a good way to stay in shape and have fun too.

Wanda Edwards, South Leake, **S**
Grover Eiland, Louisville, **F**
Wendy Ellis, Carthage, **F**
Stacie Ely, Neshoba Cent., **S**
Beverly Epting, East Rankin Ac., **F**



Eric Estep, Carthage, **F**
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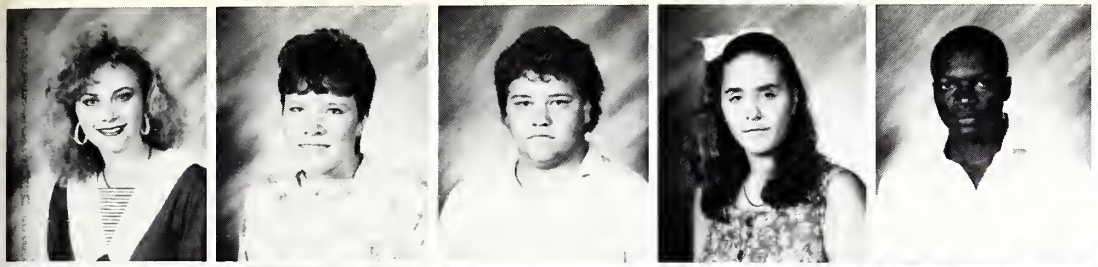
Paul Evans, Lake, **F**
Rhonda Evans, Plano, TX, **F**
Sonya Evans, Starkville, **F**



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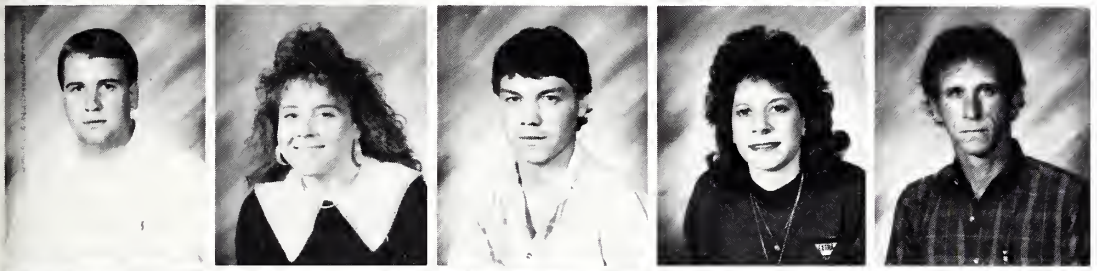
David Ezell, Union, **F**
Crystal Eakins, French Camp Ac., **F**
Howard Ealy, Scott Cent., **S**



Grayson Easterling, Morton, **S**
Jana Fanning, Hickory, **S**
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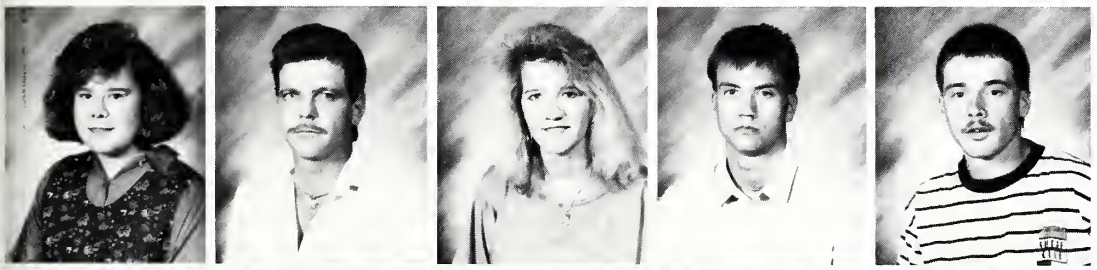
Lonnie Faulkner, South Carroll, **F**



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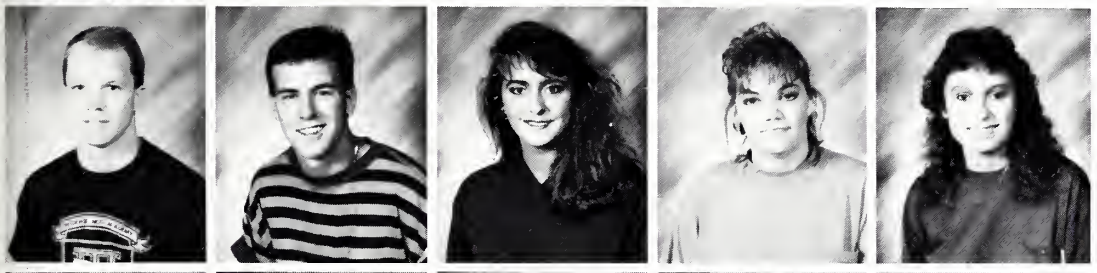
Billy Fish, Minden, LA, **F**



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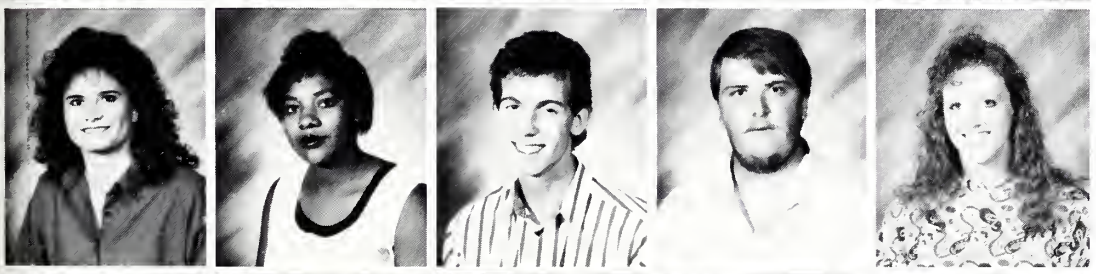
Nicole Flint, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Monika Ford, French Camp, **F**
Jeanette Fortenberry, Forest, **S**



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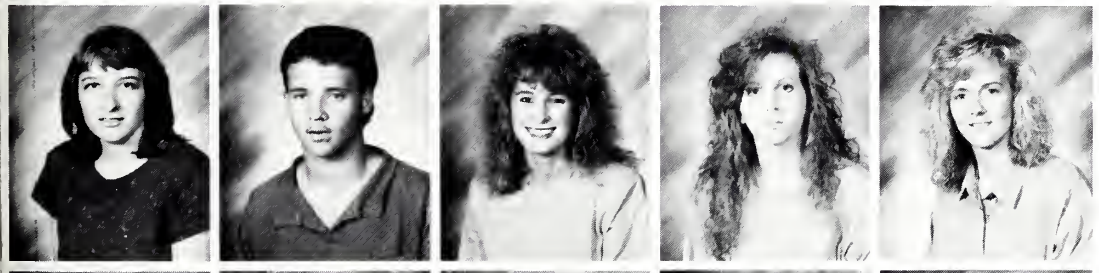
Brent Fountain, South Natchez, **S**
Michael Foy, Porterville, **S**
Jade French, Decatur, **S**



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Mattew Freeny, Edinburg, **F**
Amy Fussell, Louisville, **F**
Angie Gamble, West Jones, **S**
Kimberly Gandy, Newton Ac., **F**

Chris Gardner, Union, **F**
Jimmy Garland, Morton, **S**
Martenna Gates, South Leake, **F**
Sherry Gates, South Leake, **S**
Jason Gentry, Philadelphia, **F**

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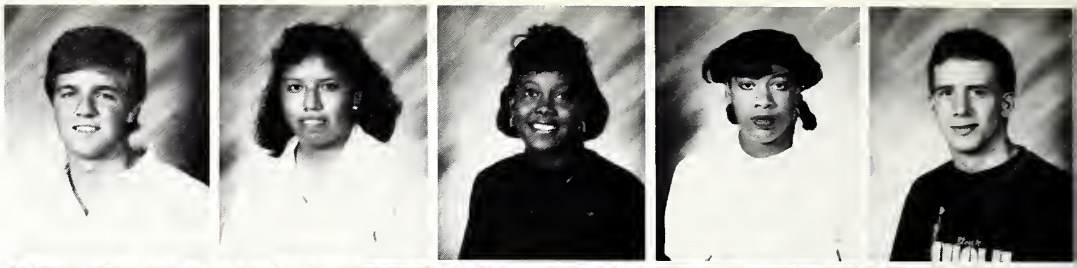

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Natashia Gilmore, Sebastopol, S
Toni Gilmore, Union, F
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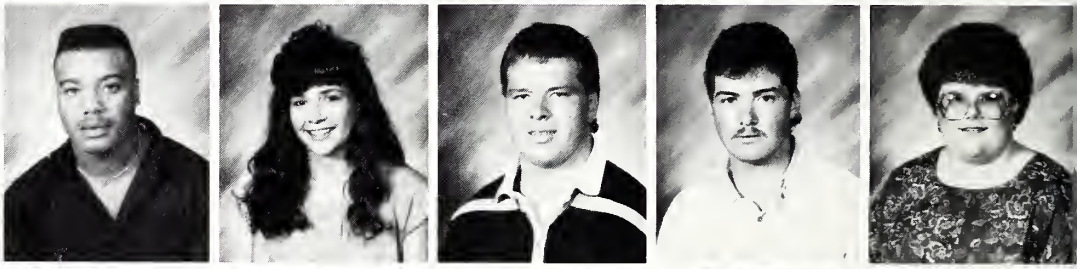
Sondra Gould, Sebastopol, F



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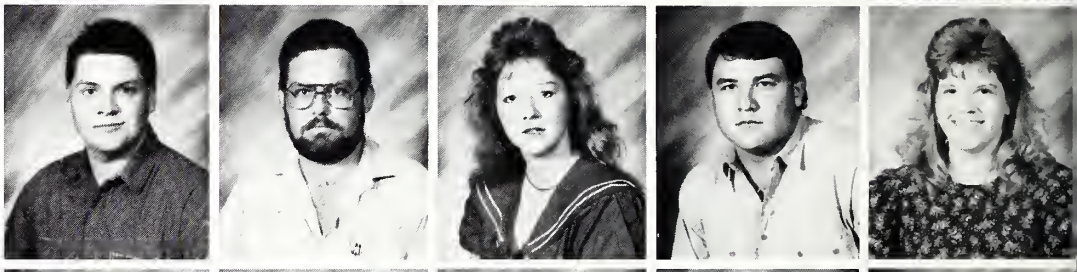
James Graham, Beulah Hubbard, F
Kathleen Graham, Philadelphia, S
Richard Graham, Neshoba Cent., S
Jennifer Gray, Neshoba Cent., F

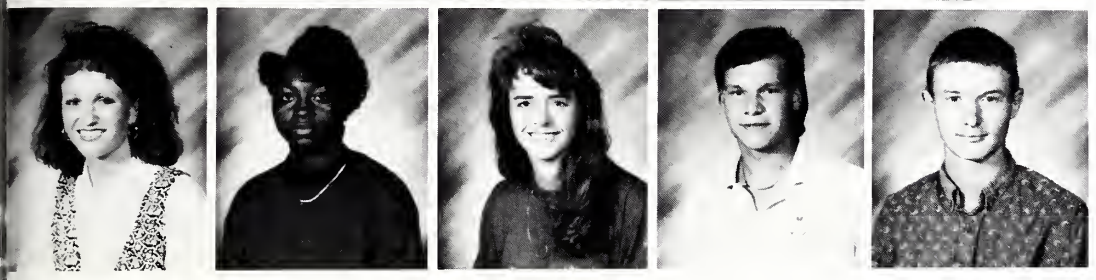


Lynell Gray, Carthage, F
Wells Gray, Forest, F
Angie Green, Carthage, F
Lee Green, Winston Ac., S
Willie Greer, Neshoba Cent., F

Greg Griffin, Walnut Grove, S
Kim Griffin, Decatur, F
Nikki Griffin, Philadelphia, F
Tammy Griffin, Lawrence, S
Cassandra Groves, Carthage, F

Robin Hall, Neshoba Cent., S
Steve Halsell, Philadelphia, F
Ricky Hammond, Decatur, S
Dewayne Hamrick, Newton, S
Dale Hancock, Neshoba Cent., F

Justin Haralson, Conehatta, **F**
Robert Haralson, Forest, **S**
Angela Harden, Louisville, **F**
Cory Hardin, Louisville, **S**
Andy Hardy, Philadelphia, **S**



Sherry Hardy, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Jessie Harrington, Louisville, **F**
Patsy Harris, Decatur, **F**
Chad Harrison, Union, **F**
Steven Harrison, Beulah Hubbard, **F**

Sydney Leonard (right) appears bored with the romance, but Chad Driskell and Tammy Rigdon obviously enjoy just sitting on the curb together.

Romance Flourishes at EC

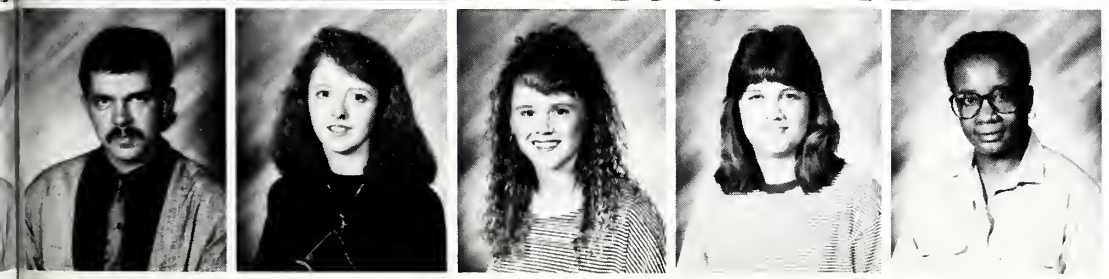
If an accurate list could be compiled of all the romances which began at East Central, the list would indeed be an impressive one.

One such campus romance is that of Chad Driskell and Tammy Rigdon who met in the fall of 1989 while Tammy was still a student at Decatur High School and Chad was a freshman at East Central. Tammy's cousin David Savell made the appropriate introductions, and then nature took its course. The couple has been going steady for a year now.

Chad, a sophomore Liberal Arts major and a member of the Warrior football team, and Tammy, a pre-nursing major from Decatur, manage to find a few minutes each day to see one another. However, her being a member of the Centralettes and his being a football player interfered with their attempts to see a great deal of one another at times.

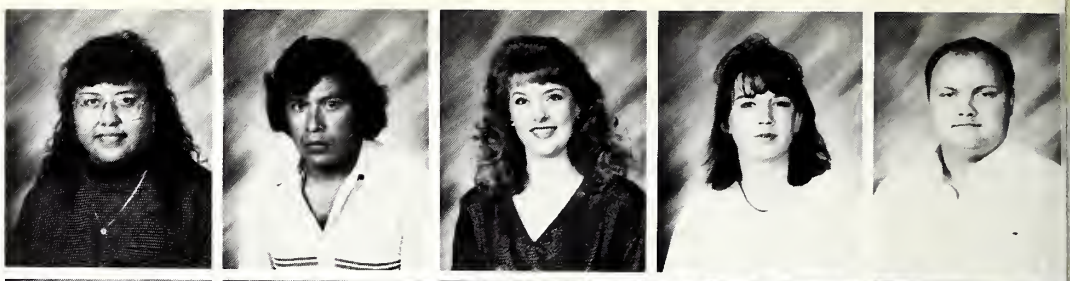
Whether the romance progresses and ends in marriage or whether they break up, Tammy and Chad will have some happy memories of a college campus romance.

La-Keshia Harvey, South Leake, **F**
Valerie Hathorn, Philadelphia, **F**
Barbara Haynes, Louisville, **S**
Steve Haynes, Louisville, **F**
Kevin Hearn, Neshoba Cent., **S**



Mitchell Hebert, Memphis, TN, **F**
Vickie Hedgepeth, Union, **F**
Apryl Hendon, Union, **F**
Tracy Henley, Union, **S**
Catherine Henry, Newton, **F**

Jennifer Henry, Neshoba Cent., **S**
Rexdale Henry, Philadelphia, **F**
Tonya Henry, Sebastopol, **S**
Christie Herrington, Hattiesburg, **F**
Chris Higginbotham, Neshoba Cent., **F**



Melissa Higginbotham, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Veronica Hillie, Lake, **S**
Melissa Hillman, Union, **S**
Scott Hines, Neshoba Cent., **S**
Jeff Hitt, Union, **S**

EC Students Never "Pack Light"

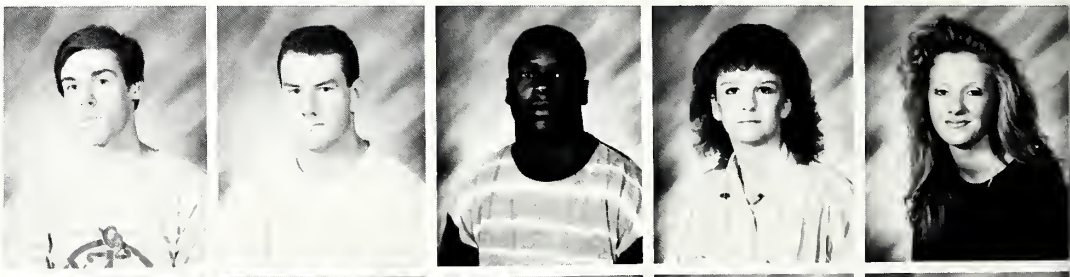
Moving into the dormitory is no small matter. First, one must select what should be taken to college. Then comes the task of packing and unpacking. Packing is done in everything from suitcases to laundry baskets, plus an assortment of plastic bags and pasteboard boxes.

The watchword should be "Pack Light," but East Central students never do. After all, being a community college, East Central is not far away from home for most students. And if there is not room in the form for all one's belongings, the leftovers can always be returned home.

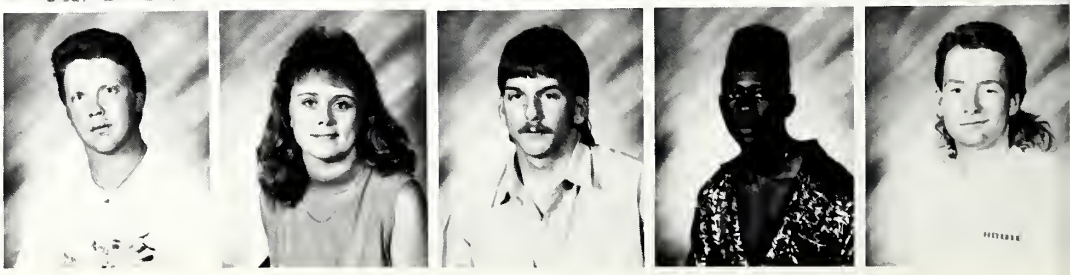
No wonder students spend so much time in the student center, the library, and in the activities center. When a room is filled with clothes, books, pictures, stereos, goldfish, stuffed animals and sometimes even a bicycle, there is little room left for anything but a bed which must be kept relatively clear for sleeping.

Sophomores Chris Edwards and Stacey Williams get help from a friend while moving into Newsome Hall at the beginning of school.

Jim Holder, Barlette, **S**
Sean Holdiness, Nainih Waiya, **S**
Sammy Hollifield, Lake, **S**
Mignon Hollingsworth, Lake, **F**
Rebecca Hollingsworth, Neshoba Cent., **F**



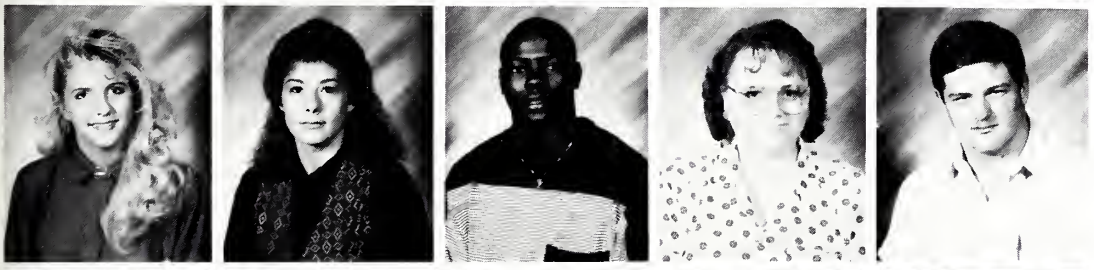
Redell Hollingsworth, Lake, **F**
Sheila Hollingsworth, Decatur, **F**
Ted Hollingsworth, Lake, **S**
David Hollis, Jr., Scott Cent., **S**
Eddie Holmes, Decatur, **F**



Markee Holmes, Louisville, **F**
Richard Holmes, Lake, **F**
Thomas Holmes, Lake, **S**
Vandy Hopson, Philadelphia, **F**
Billy Howell, Leake Ac., **S**

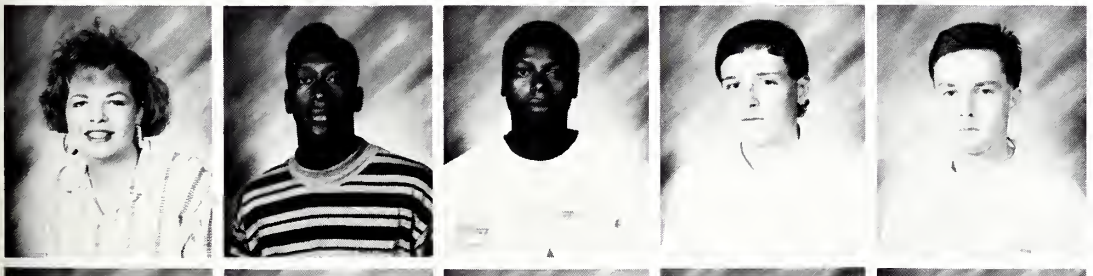
Timmy Howell, Carthage, **F**
James Hoye, Decatur, **F**
Kristy Huddleston, Beulah Hubbard, **F**
Hosea Hudson, Noxapater, **F**
Devlin Huffman, Neshoba Cent., **F**

Amy Humphreys, Newton, **S**
Ken Humphries, Louisville, **S**
Katrina Ingram, Louisville, **F**
Richard Irons, Union, **S**
Margaret Isaac, Choctaw Cent., **S**



Nicke Ivy, Hickory, **F**
Shannon Jackson, Edinburg, **F**
Willie Jacobs, Ocala, Florida, **F**
Jean Ann James, Union, **F**
Ty Jankowski, Lake, **F**

Bobby Jenkins, Carthage, **F**
Eddie Jenkins, Carthage, **F**
Latasha Jernigan, Louisville, **F**
Bethany Jinkerson, Sebastopol, **S**
Alan John, Choctaw Cent., **F**



April Johnson, Union, **S**
Chris Johnson, Philadelphia, **F**
Dwayne Johnson, Thomasville, AL, **F**
James Johnson, Lena, **F**
Keith Johnson, Hickory, **S**

Laura Johnson, Carthage, **S**
Morrise Johnson, Neshoba Cent., **S**
Pamela Johnson, Lake, **F**
Teresa Johnson, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Thomas Johnson, South Leake, **S**

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Wayne Johnson, Newton, **F**
Wendy Johnson, Heidelberg, **S**
Kirby Johnston, Philadelphia, **S**
Melissa Joiner, Leake Ac., **S**
Ben Jones, Newton, **S**

Brian Jones, Neshoba Cent., **S**
Cathie Jones. Leake Ac., **F**
Jill Jones, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Linda Jones, Lake, **F**
Sam Jones, Sevastopol, **S**

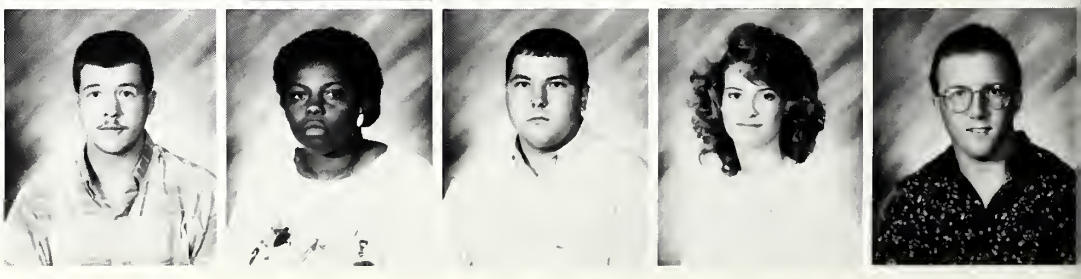
Sharmon Jones, Forest, **S**
Derrick Jordon, Noxapater, **F**
Adrian Kelly, Forest, **S**
Lynda Kelly, Carthage, **F**
Wayne Kelly, Philadelphia, **F**

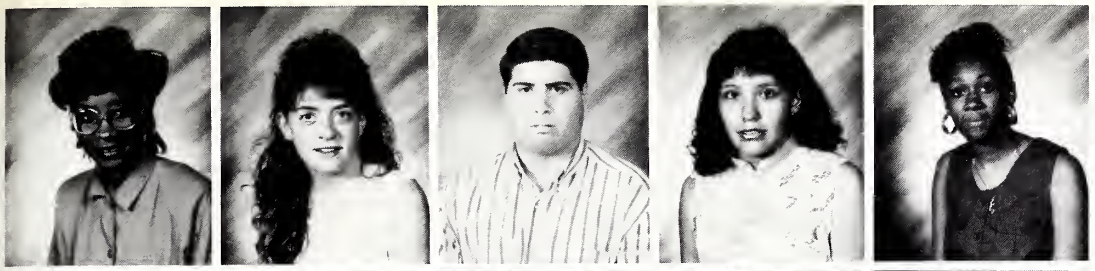
Twyla Kemp, South Leake, **S**
Kevin Kennedy, South Leake, **S**
Jay Kerr, Newton, **S**
Tony Kidd, Sylacauga, AL, **S**
Toretha Kidd, Newton, **S**

Brian Killen, Neshoba Cent., **S**
Robert Killen, Union, **F**
Diane Kincaid, Louisville, **F**
William Kitchens, South Leake, **S**
Shane Knight, Union, **S**

John Knochenmuss, Little Rock, **F**
Lela Ladner, Carthage, **F**
Hal Land, Louisville, **S**
Youlanda Langdon, South Leake, **F**
Tammy Lathem, Edinburg, **F**

Tim Lathem, Edinburg, **F**
Cynthia Latimer, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Tommy Lawler, Louisville, **F**
Alison Lawrence, Pisgah, **F**
Brent Lawrence, Mt. Juliet, TN, **F**





Lashonda Leflore, Carthage, **S**
Sydney Leonard, Sebastopol, **S**
Phil Leone, Winston Ac., **F**
Annette Lewis, Choctaw Cent., **F**
Donna Lewis, Noxapater, **F**

Kathy Lewis, Carthage, **F**
Pamela Lewis, Newton, **F**
Sonya Lewis, Beulah Hubbard, **S**
Chris Little, Neshoba Cent., **S**
Andy Long, Enterprise, **F**

An impromptu group, assembled for the show, Academic Probation (Mark Branning, Chris Little, Scott Walker, and Shannon McNeil) copped top honors with their version of "Hillbilly Rock."

Academic Probation *Makes Grade at Talent Show*

The fall talent show is always a big event on campus, and this year was no exception. Seven topnotch groups performed, giving the judges a difficult time in deciding on a winner.

Among the groups performing were a group who called themselves DRM. Sean Macke, Ardy Reed, Jay Murphy, and Eddie Davenport made up the group.

Ardy Reed and Jana Fanning captured second place with their rendition of "Don't Fall in Love with a Dreamer."

Two popular soloists were Michael Roland who sang "Baby Blue" and Susan McLaughlin.

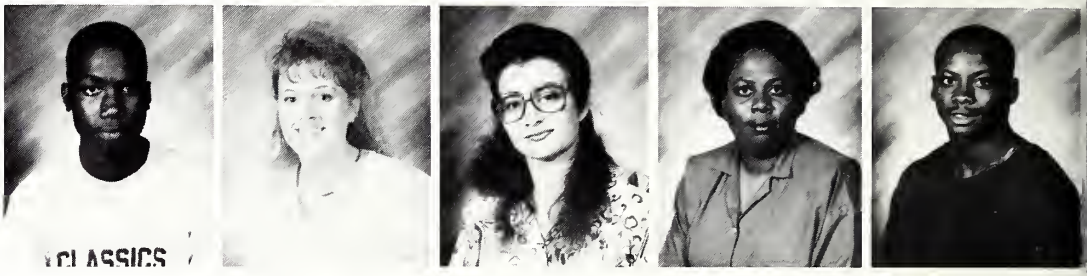
Sponsored by the Student Body Association, the fall talent show is scheduled in the period between football and basketball to offer a little diversion from classwork.

Guy Loper, Decatur, **S**
Terry Loper, Conehatta, **F**
Glen Lowe, Forest Hills, **S**
Ursela Lowe, Alexandria, LA, **S**
David Luke, Decatur, **F**

Richard Luke, Decatur, **F**
Ben Lyons, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Lynda Lyons, Philadelphia, **F**
Sean Macke, Clinton, **F**
Dede Maddox, Neshoba Cent., **F**

Clinton Magoun, Ferriday, LA, **F**
Tricia Mansfield, Hernado, **S**
Melissa Marler, Houston, TX, **F**
Stephen Marler, Decatur, **S**
Ernie Marshall, Union, **F**

Andrew Mason, Noxapater, **S**
Cara Matlock, Hickory, **S**
Theresa Matlock, Beulah Hubbard, **F**
Robin Matthews, Louisville, **S**
Eric Mays, Gosnell, AR, **S**



Refurbished Winston Hall Ready for Jammin'

"Hey, man, do you think I could play like that?" The old World War II dormitory was once again alive and accommodating men students in 1990-91 after a total renovation of the building. And students resumed life in the dorm, much as male students had done in the late 40s when the dorm was constructed, or "reconstructed" from materials from military constructions.

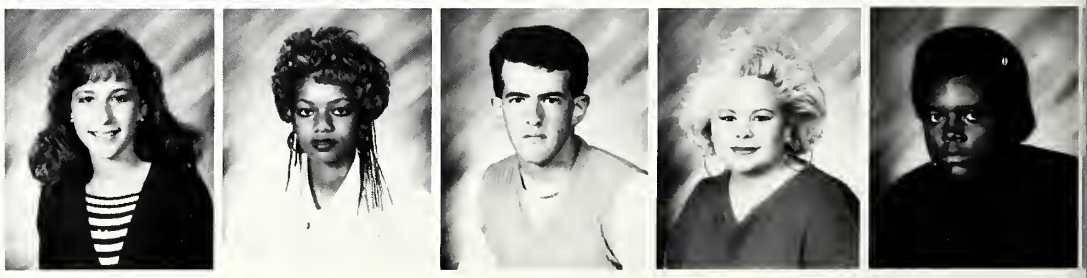
Sitting around taking turns at new sounds on the guitar is just one of the activities that take place in Winston. There is late night studying, card games, "bull sessions," and occasionally even some serious talk.

The fall of 1990 saw more than the usual number of serious talks as the threat of war in the Middle East loomed larger and larger. The crisis came even closer when some residents of the dorm began being called to active duty with their Guard units.

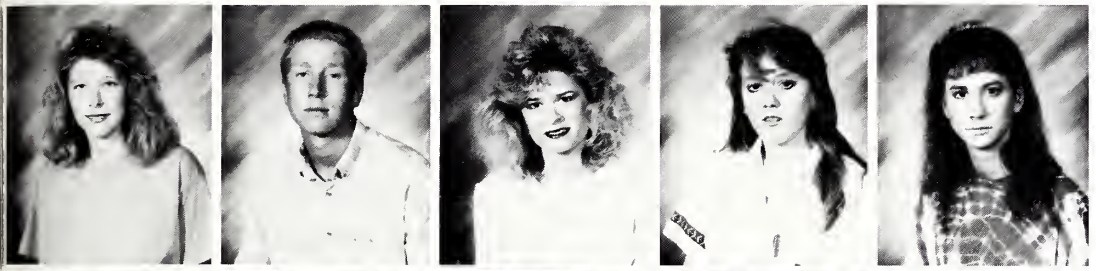
Ardy Reed, Billy Howell, Opie Ray, and Vince Brown enjoy Sean Mackie's awesome guitar. By semester's end Ardy and Opie had both been activated with the National Guard.

David McArthur, Northeast, **F**
Willie McClelland, Beulah Hubbard, **F**
Rachel McCool, Louisville, **S**
Lisa McCoy, Morton, **F**
Tony McCrory, Morton, **F**

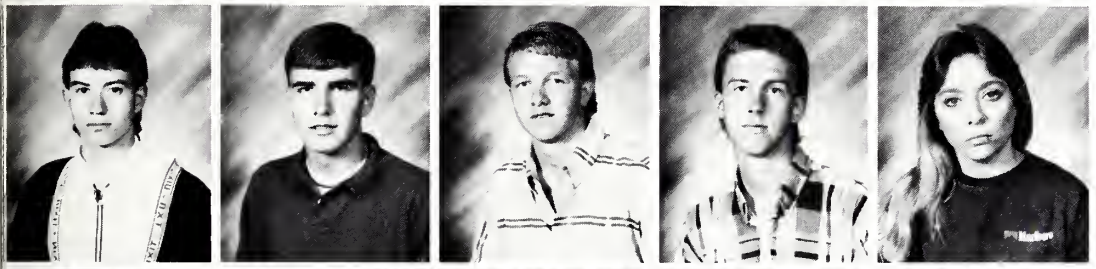
Karla McDill, Decatur, **F**
Tangala McDonald, Newton, **F**
Greg McGarrity, Sebastopol, **F**
Jessica McGee, Decatur, **S**
Isaac McKay, Decatur, **F**



Vanessa McKee, Newton County Ac., **F**
Susan McLauchlin, Leake Ac., **F**
Tomeca McLaurin, Newton, **F**
Keith McMahan, Beulah Hubbard, **F**
Cindy McMinn, Coverdale, IN, **F**



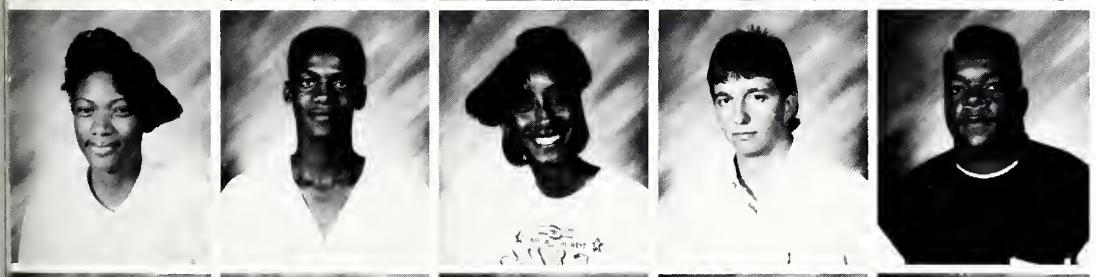
Emile McMullan, Decatur, **F**
Ken McMullan, Decatur, **F**
Melinda McMullan, Newton County Ac., **S**
Rita McMullan, Decatur, **S**
Kristi McMurry, Edinburg, **F**



Dewayne McNair, Philadelphia, **S**
Scott McNair, Neshoba Cent., **S**
Shannon McNeil, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Sidney McNeil, Decatur, **F**
Lanu Medders, Forest, **F**

Russel Meeks, Evergreen, AL, **F**
Jonathon Miles, Nanih Waiya, **F**
Lacretia Miles, Decatur, **F**
Susan Miles, Decatur, **S**
Sedrick Miller, Louisville, **F**

Loretta Mingo, Carthage, **S**
Jason Mitchell, Newton County Ac., **F**
Michelle Mitchell, Morton, **S**
Connie Money, Scott Cent. **S**
Teresa Monk, Edinburg, **S**



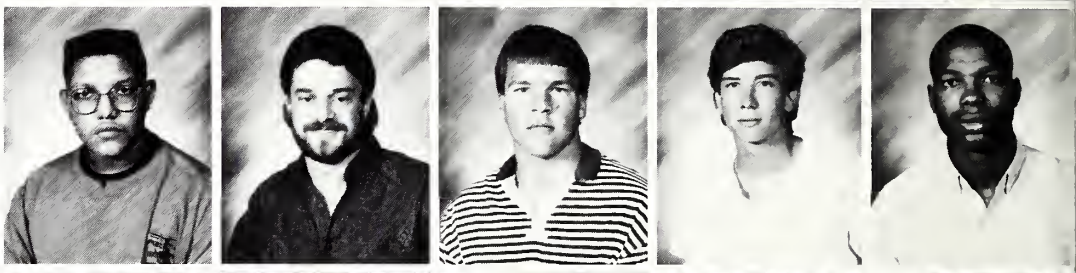
Amy Monroe, Moss Point, **F**
Al Moore, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Freda Moore, Lake, **F**
Jeff Moore, Morton, **F**
Ladetric Moore, Neshoba Cent., **F**

Ocean Moore, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Shannon Moore, Lake, **F**
Susan Moore, Forest, **F**
Tonya Moore, Neshoba Cent., **S**
Charlie Moorehead, Clear Creek, **S**

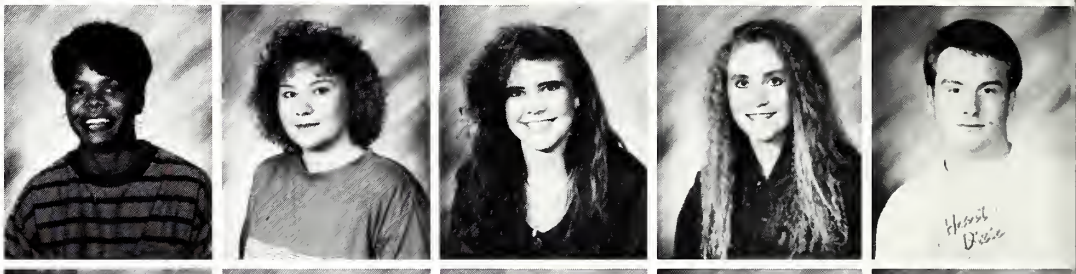
Ada Morgan, Morton, **F**
Chad Morrow, Decatur, **F**
Louanne Morrow, Philadelphia, **S**
Lois Moseley, Hickory, **F**
Marty Moss, Edinburg, **F**

Michael Mouton, Lake, **F**
Kim Mowdy, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Ernie Mowery, Meridian, **F**
Karla Munn, Decatur, **S**
Melody Myers, Hattiesburg, **F**

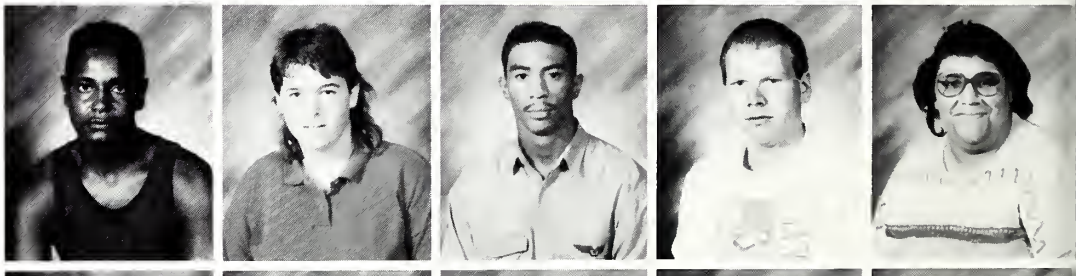
Dennis Myrick, Carthage, **F**
David Nabors, Forest, **S**
Judd Nance, Decatur, **S**
Richard Nance, Louisville, **F**
Marvin Nash, Carthage, **F**



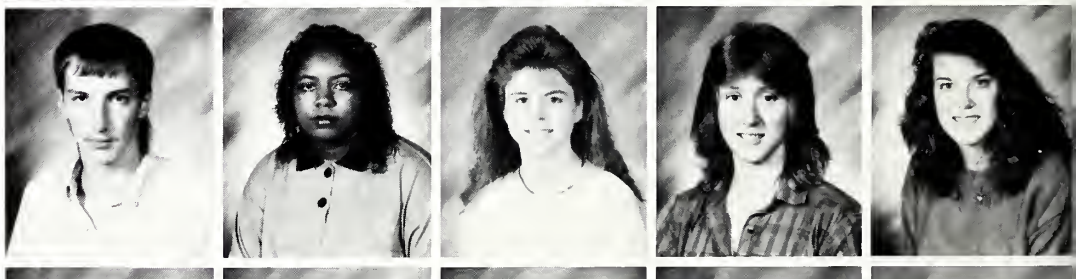
Paula Nash, Carthage, **S**
Meredith Nelson, Neshoba Cent., **S**
Angela Nicholson, Beulah Hubbard, **F**
Dawn Nicholson, Union, **S**
James Nicholson, Philadelphia, **S**



Waltereine Nichols, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Shay Oakley, Louisville, **S**
Larod Odom, Scott Cent., **S**
Brian Oliver, Beulah Hubbard, **S**
Pam Pace, Scott Cent., **S**



Norman Palokas, Carthage, **F**
Frances Parhm, South Leake, **S**
Annmarie Parker, Hickory, **F**
Melissa Parker, Carthage, **F**
Darlene Pate, Hickory, **F**



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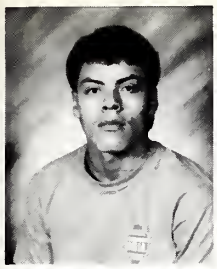
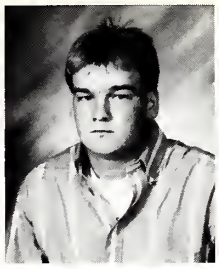
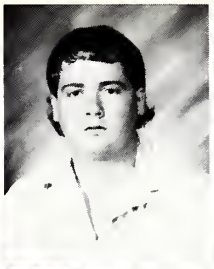
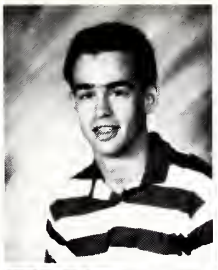
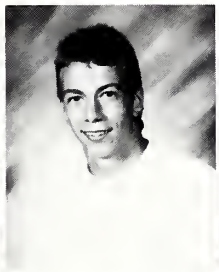
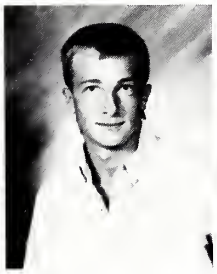
Mark Patrick, Sebastopol, **F**
Jeff Peeples, Meridian, **S**
Regie Pennington, East Rankin, **F**

Shelly Peoples, Choctaw Cent., **S**
Gregg Perry, Madison Ridgeland, **S**
Kenneth Perry, Carthage, **F**
Chris Peterson, Louisville, **F**
Lisa Peterson, Louisville, **F**





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Darrin Pickett, Noxapater, **S**
Denise Pickett, Noxapater, **S**

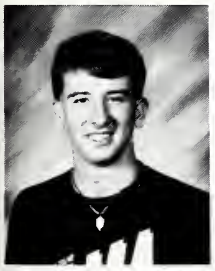
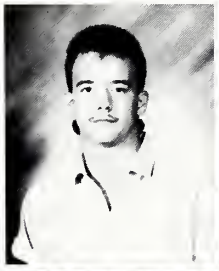
"Maybe tomorrow I'll actually go IN the library," freshman football manager Phil Leone of Louisville seems to be saying.

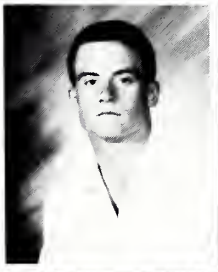
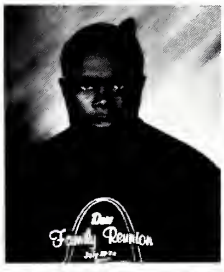
"To Study or Not to Study?"

On any day when the temperature is above 50 degrees, a favorite hangout on the campus is on the brick benches outside the library. Especially popular during the first warm days of spring when students have been outside too much, the benches provide a "rest stop" on the way to most places — the cafeteria, the classrooms, the student center, and even the library.

Discussions at the gathering place vary in seriousness from latest world events to last night's party at "the barn." Let one student sit down, and within five minutes a group of ten or more will have gathered.

Romances have been known to start here; romances often end here, a midpoint between men's and women's dorms. Interestingly, even faculty members find this spot appealing, and if they can beat the students to it, they bask in the sunshine at this favorite spot on campus.

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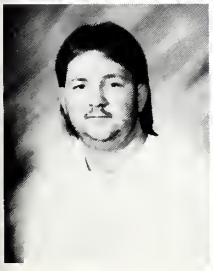

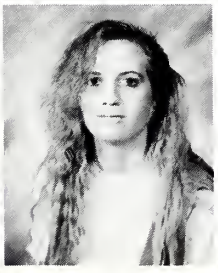

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Paul Pryer, Forest, **S**

Harla S. Quick, Carthage, **S**
Grayland Rankin, Forest, **F**
Jan Rasberry, Carthage, **F**
Renee Rawson, Morton, **S**
Marcus Reed, Noxapater, **F**

Scott Reed, Louisville, **F**
Buffy Reeves, Decatur, **S**
Donnie L. Register, Morton, **F**
Clark Reynolds, Union, **F**
Jennifer Reynolds, Noxapater, **F**

EC Flame Continues to Burn Bright

Sophomores tell freshmen about it, so it is an anticipated event each fall. Early in the fall the buildings and grounds crew begin saving bits of scrap lumber for it, and while it doesn't take a great deal of preparation, the annual bonfire, with the accompanying cookout, is an East Central tradition that could not be easily discontinued.

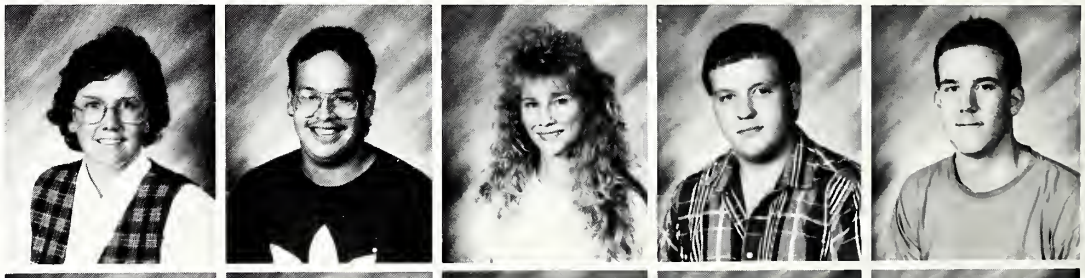
Held during the annual Homecoming Week activities, the bonfire is a "cozy" event with students standing around visiting as if it were a giant campfire.

During the bonfire, the cheerleaders will perform, and this year the annual "Mess Pageant" was held, lending a different atmosphere to a group of guys dressed up like girls.

As the fire burns down, students drift away in groups of three or four, going on to more pressing matters such as studying or preparing a display for the upcoming Homecoming Day. But they are strangely quiet as they leave; building memories should be a quiet, private thing.

An East Central coed stands pensively before the bonfire, perhaps contemplating the time when her own children will enjoy this experience.

Joyce Reynolds, Chunky, **S**
Raymond Reynolds, Choctaw Cent., **S**
Traci Reynolds, Enterprise, **F**
Shannon Rhodes, Philadelphia, **F**
Kevin Richards, Lawrence, **F**



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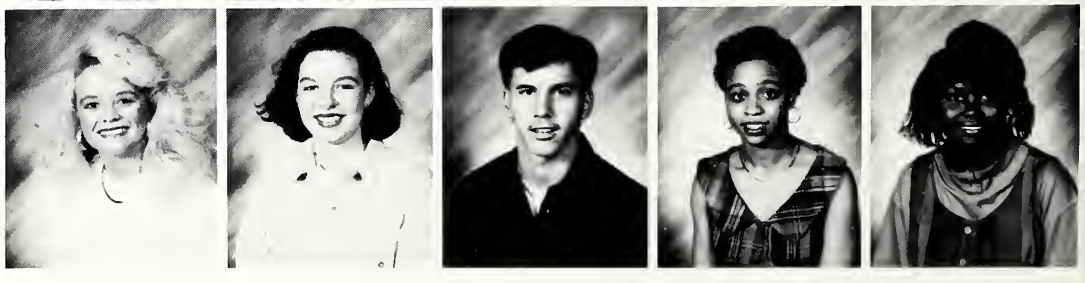
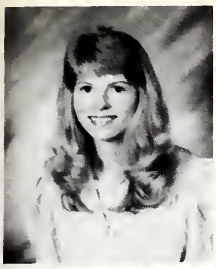
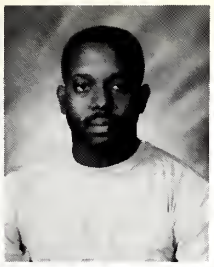
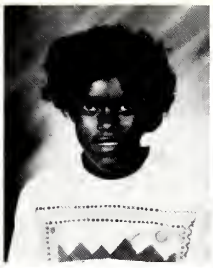
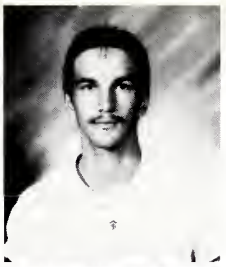
Audrey Roberts, Scott Cent., **S**



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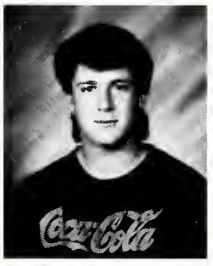
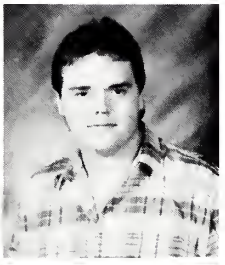
Thomas Robinson, Forest, **F**





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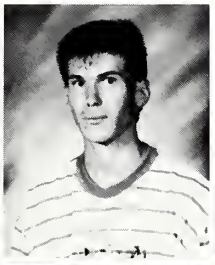
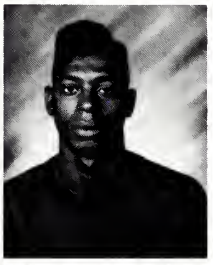
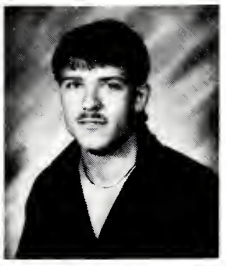
Ken Rowell, Hickory, **F**



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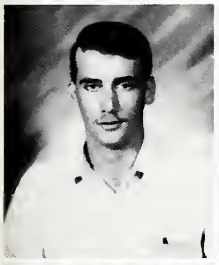

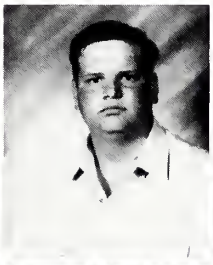

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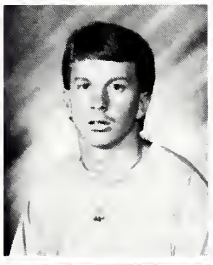

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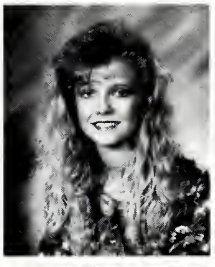

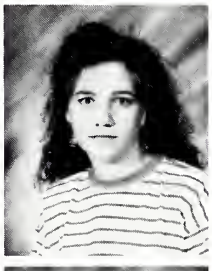

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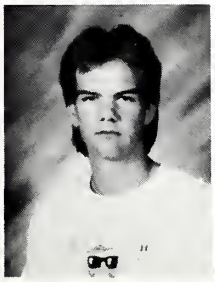
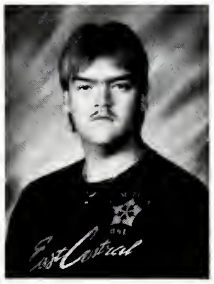

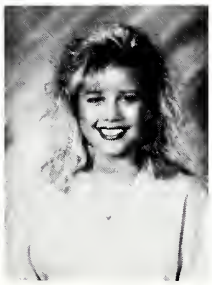

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Bobby Shumaker, Louisville, **F**
Debra Shoemaker, Decatur, **S**
Martha Sibley, Newton, **F**

Patty Sims, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Pam Sistrunk, Forest, **S**
Mark Skinner, Newton, **F**
Jamie Slaughter, Carthage, **F**
Terry Slawson, Nanih Waiya, **F**

Yolonda Sledge, Louisville, **F**
Angellia Smith, Warren Cent., **S**
Annie Smith, Louisville, **F**
Brooke Smith, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Dewayne Smith, Decatur, **S**

Donna Smith, Carthage, **S**
Eddie Smith, Philadelphia, **S**
James Smith, Lake, **F**
Jason Smith, Lake, **F**
Rodney Smith, Louisville, **F**

Suzanne Smith, Neshoba Cent., **S**
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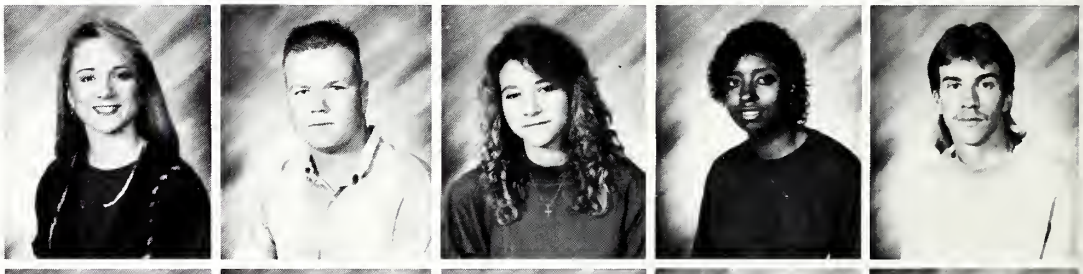

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Charles Stolkes, Union, **F**
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Tyrone Stowers, Forest, **S**

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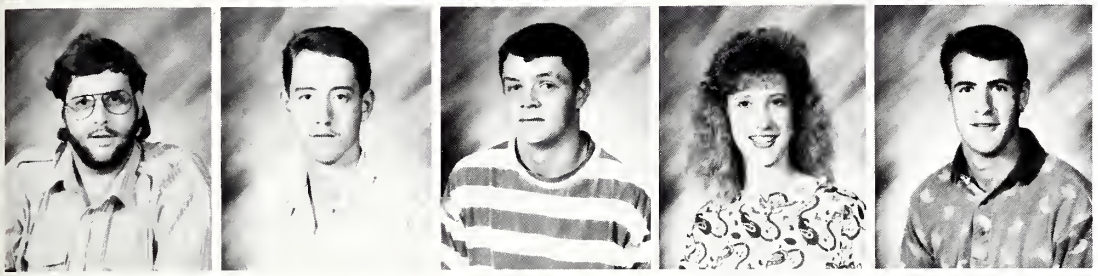


Dennis Stuart, Morton, **S**
Mark Sullivan, Edinburg, **F**
Scott Summerall, Morton, **S**
Tara Swindle, Decatur, **S**
Chris Tadlock, Forest, **S**

Flashing her friendly smile is an everyday occurrence for wheelchair student Lisa Cunningham.

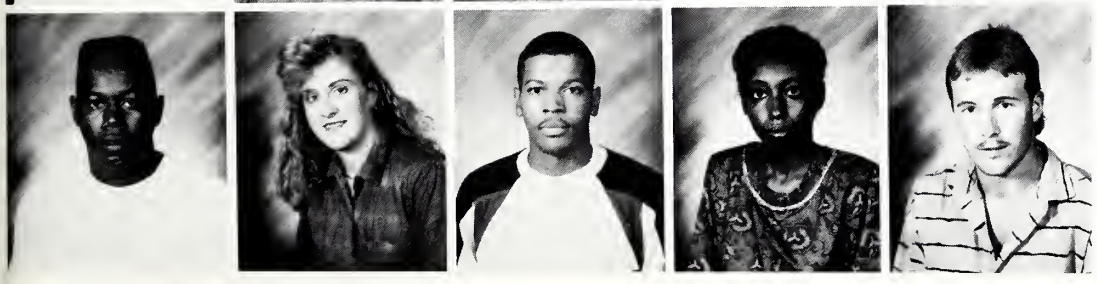
Positive Attitude Keeps Lisa On Track

Courage, determination, and a great positive attitude keep Lisa Cunningham, a sophomore from Newton, rolling along.

Lisa is a wheelchair student at East Central. Students, faculty, staff, and visitors have come to look for Lisa's friendly smile and warm personality. She can always be found among a group of students, who constantly vie for the privilege of serving as Lisa's "usher."

Obviously, "handicapped" is not a word that describes Lisa. She realizes that she has a few limitations that other students do not have, but she sees these as simply obstacles to get around, not stumbling blocks to keep her from her goal of getting a certificate in Word Processing.

Lynn Tatum, Sebastopol, **S**
Rev. Rubin Tatum, Lawrence, **S**
Sharon Taylor, Union, **F**
Paula Thames, Decatur, **S**
Renea Thames, Beulah Hubbard, **S**



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Lisa Thompson, Louisville, **F**
Paula Thompson, Louisville, **F**
Dexter Thornton, Leake Ac., **S**
Kim Thornton, Bay Springs, **S**
Sean Thorton, Carthage, **S**

Sheila Thornton, Edinburg, **S**
Debby Tidmore, Meridian, **S**
Jo Beth Tolbert, Philadelphia, **F**
Marcella Torrence, Morton, **S**
Jennifer Towner, Decatur, **S**

Children's Birthdays Provide Chance for Fun

A child's birthday should be special, and what could make it more special than celebrating it with friends you spend every day with?

That was just the case when Van Williams celebrated his third birthday with friends at East Central's child care center.

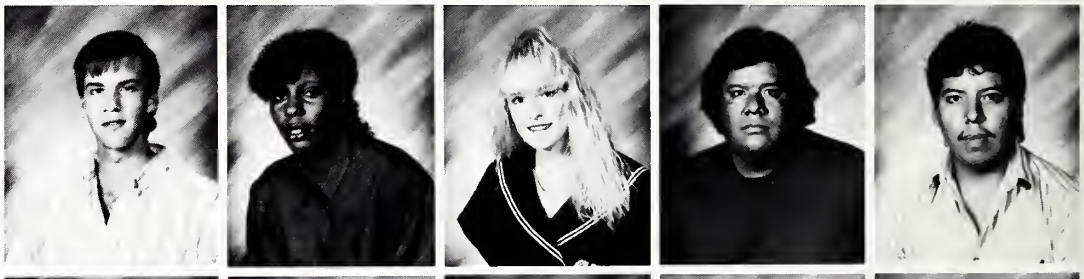
The Child Care Program has been an increasingly popular program of the college's offerings, and this year 28 students enrolled in the program in August. As a part of their program, each college student is required to spend a number of hours each week in the Child Care Center, working with the children.

The Center is populated by children between the ages of two and five, most of whom are the children of either faculty and staff members or students.

Enjoying Van's birthday party with him are: Yentl Brantley, Sherri Smith, Terry Smith, Nikki Clark, Fredrick Lyons, Reggis Chancellor, Rico Hughes, Briceton Harrison, J.J. Graham, Lindsey Chaney, Casey Ferguson, and Taylor McElhenney.

Van Williams (seated) appears somewhat shy at all the attention he is receiving on his birthday, or perhaps he's tasting the icing off the cake!

Loren Townsend, Carthage, **S**
Sadie Triplett, Louisville, **S**
Angel Truhett, Beulah Hubbard, **F**
Melvin Tubby, Philadelphia, **S**
Nathaniel Tubby, Philadelphia, **S**



April Tucker, Edinburg, **F**
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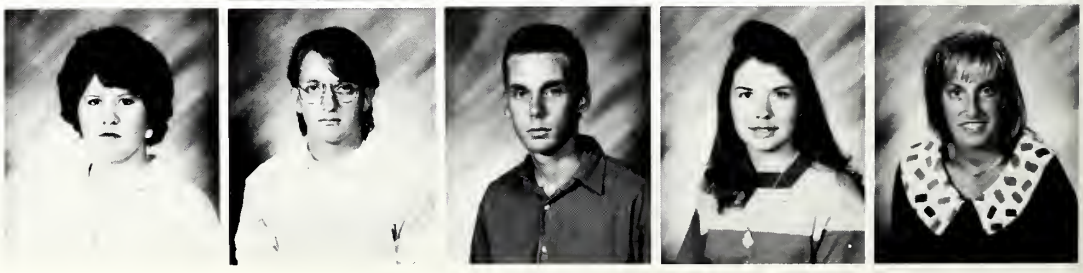

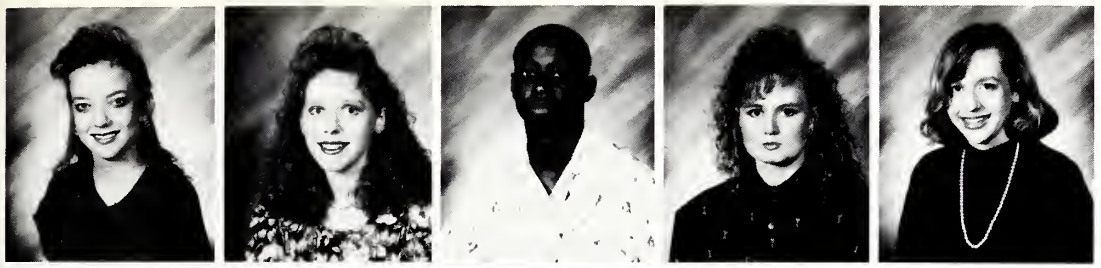

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Daphne Vowell, Louisville, **S**
Michele Wade, Pisgah, **F**

David Wade, Morton, **F**
Anthony Walker, Demopolis, AL, **S**
Billy Walker, Scott Cent., **S**
Machell Walker, Newton, **S**
Ricky Walker, Decatur, **F**

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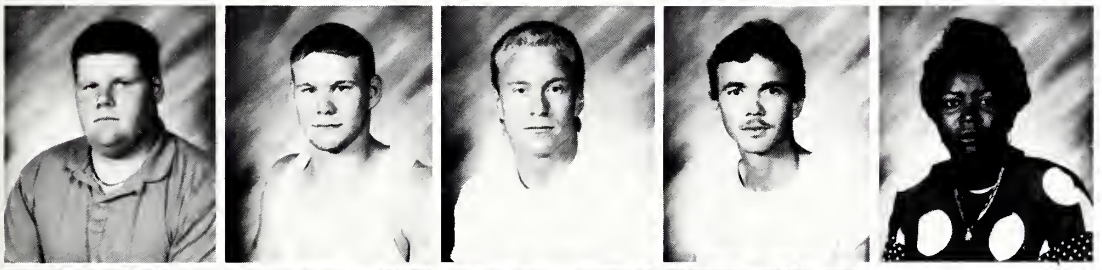
Shane Wall, Newton County Ac., **F**



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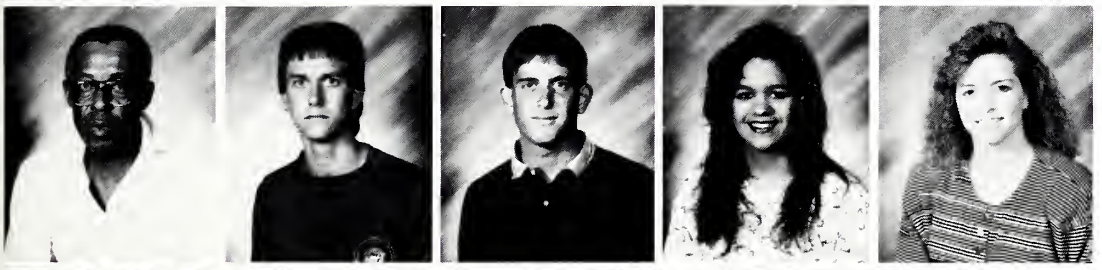
Jimmy Wallace, Forest, **F**
Kurt Walter, Forest, **F**
Gary Walton, Philadelphia, **F**
Beverly Ware, Forest, **S**



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Haley Ward, Louisville, **S**
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Robbye Warren, Union, **S**
Stephanie Warren, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Melissa Wash, Newton, **F**
Jamie Warren, Carthage, **S**

Marty Watkins, Gulfport, **F**
Patricia Watkins, Conehatta, **F**
Samuel Watkins, Noxapater, **S**
Tim Watkins, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Tracey Weaver, Decatur, **S**

Kim Wedgeworth, Neshoba Cent., **S**
David Weeks, Morton, **S**
Jerry Welch, Neshoba Cent., **F**
Jennifer West, Newton, **F**
John D. West III, Newton, **F**

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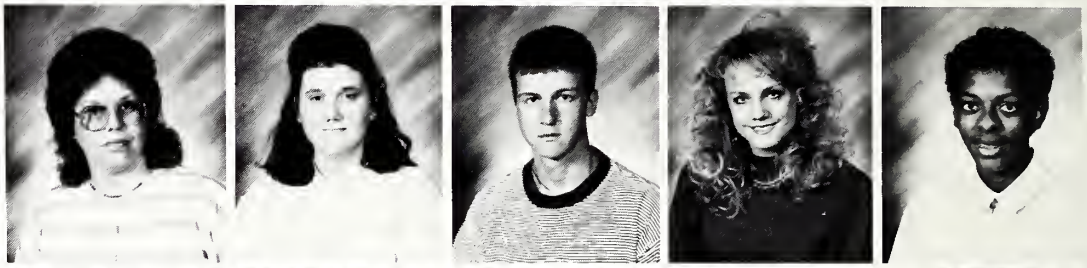

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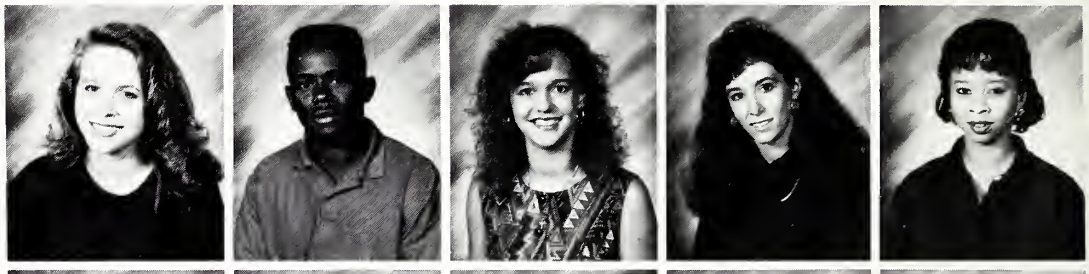

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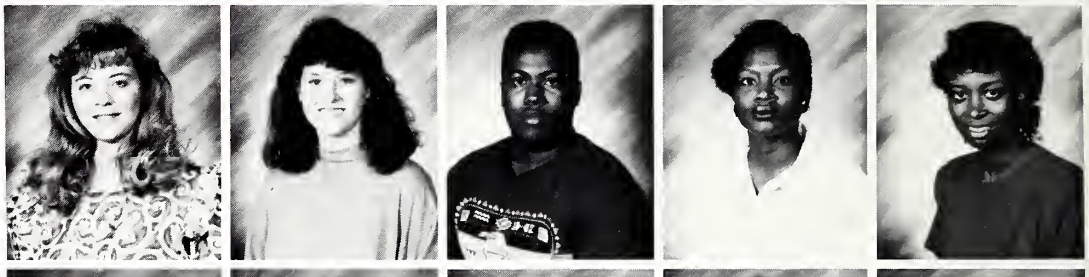

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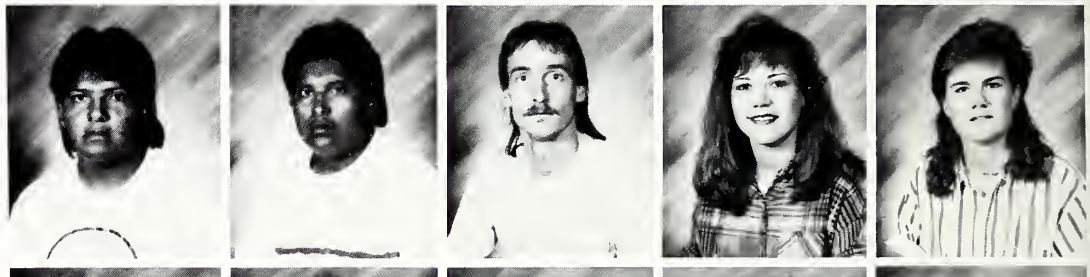
Susan Williams, Newton Academy, **F**



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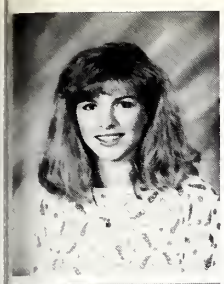

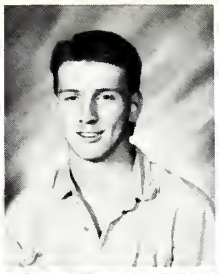
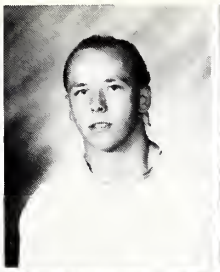

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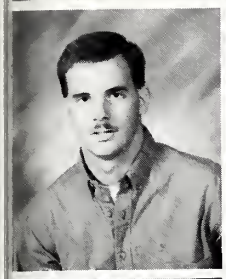

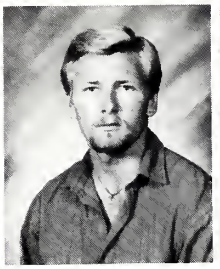
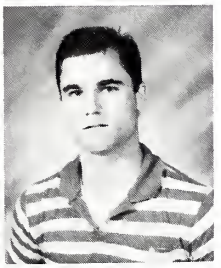

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Jason Wright, Louisville, **F**
Misty Wright, Neshoba Central, **F**
Vince Wright, Little Rock, **F**
Ron Yarborough, Union, **F**

Chasity Young, Pisgah, **F**

Choctaw Princess Leads Busy Life

One dream of every little Choctaw girl is to some day be crowned as the Choctaw Princess. For an East Central freshman, that dream came true during the summer of 1990. In a pageant and ceremony held during the annual Choctaw Indian Fair, Natasha Willis was chosen as the new Choctaw Princess.

In the fall, Natasha enrolled as a student at East Central and began the arduous task of juggling her duties as student, member of the Lady Warriors basketball team, and Choctaw Princess.

Natasha is a native of Neshoba County, where she and her family reside on the Pearl River Indian Reservation. She is a graduate of Choctaw Central High School and the daughter of Walter and Louise Wilson and the late Gary Willis, Sr.

As Princess, Natasha serves as an ambassador for the Choctaw tribe both in Mississippi and around the country. She is invited to numerous functions and social activities to represent the tribe and must screen the invitations carefully so as to maintain her role as fulltime student.

Natasha will relinquish her crown in the summer of 1991 to another young lady who will have her dreams of being Princess fulfilled.

Choctaw Princess Natasha Willis poses in front of her dormitory in her traditional Choctaw costume which she wears as she represents the tribe.

Outside of classes, students at East Central are offered opportunities to pursue their interests by joining one or more of several organizations. According to their own interests, students might belong to a business club, the choir and SADD at the same time.

According to Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dean of Students, there are at least thirty extra-curricular activities for students to choose from. Each student is encouraged to belong to at least one organization in addition to his class load.

Ardy Reed (foreground, center) and othe band members take a supper break before a pe rally. The band not only offers a musical outle for students, but membership in the band carrie some scholarship assistance.

Going in All Directions

Axel shares a serious moment and a drink with Tansy. Axel proves to be the catalyst in the plot of THE NERD.

Cast members for THE NERD included: Pamila Gilmer (Tansy), Jim Holder (Rick Steadman, "the Nerd"), Sandra Collins (Mrs. Walgrave), and (standing) Brent Fountain (Willum Cubbert), Andy Hardy (Axel), Tracy Weaver (Production Assistant), and Jeff Hitt (Warnock Walgrave).

Unaware that it is a plot by his friend Axel to shake him out of his humdrum life, Willum (seated) endures a performance of "The Nerd" on his tambourine.

EC Players Score Big Hit with Fall Dinner Theatre

THE NERD Shows Versatility of Players

When Judy Carroll assumed the duties of Speech and Theatre instructor in the fall of 1990, one of her first decisions was to change the format of the fall dinner theatre to one full-length play rather than three one-acts. In retrospect, the decision seems a good one, for THE NERD was quite a success.

THE NERD, written by Larry Shue, revolves around Willum Cubbert (Brent Fountain) an architect who, at age 34, is about to let his life deteriorate into a humdrum affair.

In steps Rick Steadman (Jim Holder), who saved Willum's life in Viet-Nam but whom Willum has not seen. Unfortunately (or fortunately as it turns out), Rick is a real "nerd" who creates havoc in the lives of Willum and his friends.

The play ran for three nights and included performances by the East Central Fashion Squad and dinner music by Bethany Jinkerson and Leesa Lee.

"The Nerd" leads the group in the game of "Shoes and Socks," paper bags included. Only Axel and Rick know it is part of a plot.

Players Present Dogpatch Hit ***Li'L Abner***

General Bullmose, Earthquake McGoon, Marryin' Sam — names which every American over forty recognizes as residents of the wonderful imaginary town of Dogpatch, USA. The characters and the town, based on the perennial favorite cartoon of **Li'L Abner,** came alive to East Central audiences in the EC Players' spring production of the musical **Li'L Abner.**

Created by Andy Capp, the story takes place in Dogpatch, USA, declared by the government as "the most unnecessary town in the country and therefore the perfect site for nuclear tests."

In order to save the town, the people must find something "necessary," and Mammy Yokum's "Yokumberry Tonic," which makes musclemen out of weaklings, is the best solution.

The town politician General Bullmoose conjures up a plan to steal the formula from Mammy Yokum's son Abner. In desperation, Daisy Mae "sells" herself in marriage to the town bully, Earthquake McGoon, to save Abner from Bullmoose.

Meanwhile the scientists have been busy testing the formula, but in the process find that the musclemen lose all interest in women. The wives of the victims demand in a crowd-pleasing number that they "put 'em back the way they wuz."

When the experiments are declared a failure, Dogpatch must once again prepare to evacuate, and Daisy Mae must face the prospect of eternal matrimony with Earthquake McGoon. The plot twists and turns right up until the final thirty seconds, as finally the town of Dogpatch is declared necessary, thanks to the statue of Jubilation T. Cornpone, a national shrine.

The EC Players put together a talented cast, with the lead role of Li'l Abner going to Michael Roland, a sophomore from Carthage. Daisy Mae was played by Gay Chamblee, a sophomore from Philadelphia.

Other major roles were ably handled by Barney Comans (Marryin' Sam) from Sebastopol, Tracy Weaver of Decatur (Mammy Yokum), Sydney Leonard from Sebastopol (Evil Eye Fleagle) and Tracy Adcock from Louisville (Pappy Yokum).

Although Li'l Abner has her heart, Daisy Mae faces the intolerable thought of a forced marriage to Earthquake McGoon. Gay Chamblee of Philadelphia and Michael Roland of Carthage sang the lead roles in the hit all-campus musical, directed by Judy Carroll.

Evil Eye Fleagle (Sydney Leonard) explains her famous "whammy" to Phogbound (left, Shannon McNeil), Appassionata (Christina Wood), General Bullmoose (Jim Holder) and Dr. Finsdale (Jade French). The whammy will stop Abner in his tracks allowing Appassionata to claim him at the Sadie Hawkins Day Race.

Dogpatch girls anticipate Sadie Hawkins Day with smiles as they prepare to capture a man. The men, obviously, are not as excited as the ladies. Dogpatch girls are Tam Cooper, Karla McDill, Pam Gilmer, Twyla Kemp, Deanna Risher, and Becky Ezell. Dogpatch's eligible men are John Sanders, Billy Howell, Ken Humphries, and Ab Germany.

Cast members of **Li'l Abner** included Tam Cooper, Karla McDill, Michael Roland, Gay Chamblee, Shannon McNeil, Jade French; (Row 2) Tracy Adcock, Tracy Weaver, Twyla Kemp, Pam Gilmer, Deanna Risher; (Row 3) John Sanders, Billy Howell, Kim Griffin, Becky Ezell; (Row 4) Ken Humphries, Jeff Hitt, Ab Germany, Christina Wood, David Ezelle, Jim Holder, Sydney Leonard, and Barney Comans.

Jazzin' It Up at EC

The first week of school after Christmas holidays, a different sound emerges from the Fine Arts Building as Band Director Thomas Carson holds tryouts and begins rehearsals for the Jazz Band and Concert Band.

The smaller of the two groups, the jazz band performs "big band" type music, with many of the pieces in the tradition of Jimmy Dorsey and other "big band sounds" of the thirties and forties. The band performs at Senior Day when al the high school seniors in the district are special guests of the college and at Awards Day in April.

Carson indicated that the jazz band is available for performances at other functions as occasions arise.

The concert band is much larger than the jazz band and is peopled by many of the students who performed in the marching band in the fall. The purpose of the concert band is to read more serious, non-marching music.

"In other words," Carson stated, "the concert band performs 'legitimate' music, including marches and pieces written for orchestras."

The concert band performs a midday concert in the spring for students on campus and an evening concert which is open to the public.

"Working with the jazz band and concert band is different from working with the marching band, and while I don't enjoy one more than the other, it is a nice change. I do, however, sometimes feel lost without having to run around with my bullhorn like I do during marching season."

Saxophonists Vincent Brown and Billy Howell concentrate on reading the music in a jazz band rehearsal. Brown is a freshman, while Howell is a sophomore.

Members of the 1990-91 jazz band included: (Front) Lynda Kelly, Vincent Brown, Billy Howell, Brad Foley, Mark Shaw, David Ezell; (Row 2) Jennifer Gray, Richard Nance, Clark Reynolds; (Row 3) Mark Branning, Scott Walker, Eddie Davenport, Sean Macke, Sid McNeil, David Shaw, Brent Warren. Not pictured: Ty Jankowski, Wes Breazeale, Chris Edwards.

Members of the concert band were: (Front) Misty Cornett, Robin Cole, Tammy Griffin, Debbie Tidmore, Tara Swindle, Patty Sims; (Row 2) Nikki Griffin, Gayla Goodwin, Susan McLauchlin, Karla Munn, Sonya Lewis, Sandy Shackelford, Mark Shaw, Brad Foley, Billy Howell; (Row 3) Richard Nance, Brent Warren, David Shaw, Sid McNeil, Cathie Jones, Kim Griffin, Lisa Thompson, Mark Branning, Clark Reynolds, Jennifer Gray, Vincent Brown, David Ezell; (Row 4) Chris Edwards, Lynda Kelly, Scott Walker, Andy Hardy, Eddie Davenport, Scottie Moore. (Not Pictured) Devlin Huffman, Michael Roland, Kirk Doss, Shawn White, Stacy White, Stacy Copeland, Ty Jankowski.

Sophomores Mark Shaw and Brent Warren enjoyed their second season as members of both the concert and jazz bands.

Misty Cornett concentrates on director Carson's instruction. Nikki Griffin and Gayla Goodwin (background) follow suit.

"From Swing to The King"

Two new musical groups appeared on the East Central scene in 1990-91. One of these groups, the Accents, was actually started in the spring of '90 but really "blossomed" in 90-91.

Composed of two male and six female vocalists, the Accents are under the direction of Charles Hinson. By the end of the first semester, the group had already performed more than ten times for civic groups in the area. The Accents are modeled on a show choir format and specialize in easy listening music.

Seeing a need for a smaller group than the Collegians, Tom Carson started the "Round Midnite" group in the fall. Round Midnite is composed of five male musicians who play older rock and roll of the 50s and 60s type. According to Carson, "I felt we needed a group that could set up in five minutes and not require all the equipment that the Collegians do."

Round Midnite became a hit at home basketball games and was available for performances in the five county area.

Taking one section of the seating area in the gym, Round Midnite adds to the excitement during half-times. Mark Branning, Tom Carson, Michael Roland, and Sean Macke reverted to older rock and roll traditions with their musical.

Round Midnite members take a break during a home game performance. Membrs are Mark Branning, Tom Carson, Scott Walker, Michael Roland, and Sean Macke.

The two male members of the Accents, Scott Gunn and J. C. Howell, are featured in a performance before a crowd of students in the Fine Arts auditorium.

Members of the musical group The Accents pose for a group picture prior to a performance. They are: (Front) Leesa Lee, vocalist and accompanist, Bethany Jinkerson, J. C. Howell, Deanna McNair, and Rachel McCool; (Back) Cathie Jones, Scott Gunn, and Tanya Henry.

As Tom Carson takes the lead with his harmonica, Michael Roland gives Sean Macke a satisfied look during a Round Midnite performance at a basketball game.

***ACCENTS** Favorites*

"Lost in Your Eyes"
"Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy"
"Sincerely"
"Hey, Good Looking"

***ROUND MIDNITE** Favorites*

"Johnny, Be Good"
"Wooly Bully"
"Blue Suede Shoes"
"Down Home Blues"

Rock and Roll Lives On at EC

When the smoke had cleared from the confusion of 45 students auditioning for the 1990-91 version of the Collegians, the group set to work to mold a group that would equal Collegians of the past.

A top-forty rock and country group which for the past nine years has been under the direction of band director Tom Carson, the Collegians are a perennial favorite with both East Central students and area high school students.

The group performs two campus concerts each year, always playing to a packed house. Other engagements are as a part of East Central's high school recruiting program and at various community functions to which they are invited. In the spring of 1990, the Collegians were invited to perform at Disney World and played some high school concerts along the way to Orlando.

"I want the Collegians to be a group that appeals to young people," Carson stated. "A lot of older people don't care for Bon Jovi or Madonna, but teenagers do and I feel we are performing for them."

In addition to Bon Jovi, this year the Collegians performed hits from Mariah Carey ("Visions of Love"), Kentucky Headhunters ("Oh, Lonesome Me"), and a number of other current rock and country stars.

Members of the 1990-91 Collegians include: (Front) Technicians Michael Duke, Brent Fountain, Eddie Davenport, Brent Warren, Chris Edwards, Andy Hardy; (Up stairs from bottom) Patty Sims, Ardy Reed, Lisa Thompson, Keith Johnson, Dawn Bradford, Shannon McNeil, Duane Till; (Top, from left) Tina Davis, Mark Branning, Scott Walker, Sean Macke, Sidney McNeil, David Shaw, Vincent Brown, and Scott Lewis.

Vincent Brown, a freshman from Meridian, "hammers down" on "Vanilla Ice." Usually a saxophonist, Vince laid down the horn to rap for the crowd.

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Mark Branning, a Philadelphia sophomore bass guitar player, nails down the bass line on Bon Jovi's hit "Blaze of Glory."

Keyboard player Tina Davis keeps the beat on "Friends in Low Places," a Garth Brooks hit which was sweeping the campus at the time of the Collegians fall concert.

EC Is Alive With the Sound of Music

If the VonTrapp family could suddenly be plopped down in the middle of the East Central campus, they should feel right at home because East Central is always "Alive with the Sound of Music."

Two groups which contribute to East Central's musical tradition are the concert choir and the gospel choir.

The gospel choir is under the direction of Charles Hinson and is composed of students, either music majors or those who just enjoy singing, who enjoy performing a variety of types of music.

The fall semester each year is spent in learning to sing together and in preparing for the choir's annual fall concert which is usually held in early December.

The gospel choir is open to all students who are interested in participating in traditional gospel music. Under the direction of Brenda Johnson, the group performs two concerts each year.

A part of the purpose of the choirs is to provide opportunities for students to attend concerts along with parents and members of the community who enjoy music. Another purpose is to offer some instruction in vocal music for the more casual singer who would not ordinarily be enrolled in a voice class.

Both of the choirs are important contributors to the total East Central program and are expected to continue for many years.

Bethany Jinkerson, Tany Henry, Scott Gunn, J. C. Howell, and Rachel McCool are all members of the concert choir and also the Accents. At the Christmas concert, the Accents presented a special segment on the program.

Choir members include: (Front) Charles Hinson (Director), Sandra Collins, Bethany Jinkerson, Stacy Ely, Bethany Brantley, Rachel McCool, and Leesa Lee (Accompanist).

(Second Row) Tanya Henry, Cathie Jones, Angie Alderman, Deanna McNair, and Tina Davis; (Row Three) Tim Watkins, Scott Gunn, Dwayne Till, and J. C. Howell.

Leading the Gospel Choir in, Renea Thames is followed by Wanda Edwards and Jennifer Towner.

Sandra Collins, Bethany Jinkerson, Tim Watkins, and Scott Gunn concentrate on Mr. Hinson's directions as the choir performs its fall concert.

Gospel Choir members included: Renea Thames, Wanda Edwards, Jennifer Towner, Koneshire Gill, Lisa Cistrunk, and Jones Steele; (Row 2) Brenda Johnson (Director), Paula Thames, Dionna Mitchell, Clarence White, Beverly Ware, Pamela Pruitt, and Barbara Haynes (President); (Row 3) Hayes Petty, David Brown, Tyrone Bender, and Coby Clay.

A Dillar, A Dollar Some EC Scholars

In keeping with its tradition for academic excellence, East Central once again in 1990-91 fielded a team for the annual Scholar's Bowl Competition sponsored by the University of Mississippi.

Beginning with nominations from faculty, prospective Scholar's Bowl team members are first given a written test and then undergo a rigorous oral "quizzing" to test not only their knowledge but their ability to think quickly.

When tryouts had ended, Dr. Shelby Harris, sponsor of the group since its inception, announced that the team would be comprised of Bethany Brantley, Cay Clark, Jim Holder, and Ab Germany with Jeff Hitt as alternate.

Since generous scholarships are available for the winners of the Scholar's Bowl, competition each year becomes fiercer and questions become more difficult.

"I have been so proud of our teams in the past," Dr. Harris stated. "Their appearance, their knowledge, and the way they represent East Central makes me proud to be there with them."

After their selection, each team member is assigned a specific area for which they are responsible. For example, one member is expected to have specific expertise in geography while another would be expected to know about politics or mathematics.

Questions might range from "What was considered to be Shakespeare's final work?" to "Where is the Murray River located?" It is easy to see that to be chosen to the Scholar's Bowl Team is both an honor and a responsibility, but a responsibility which this year's team feels confident to meet.

(Opposite page) Team members Jeff Hitt and Jim Holder sample the goodies at a reception to honor Dr. Gerald Turner, Univ. of Miss. Chancellor and sponsor of the Scholar's Bowl.

Decatur sophomore Ab Germany goes over Scholar's Bowl rules with advisor Dr. Shelby Harris prior to leaving for the competition in Oxford.

1990-91 Scholar's Bowl Team members include: (Seated) Bethany Brantley, Leake Academy; Cay Clark, Captain, Hickory; (Standing) Dr. Jeff Smith, Jim Holder, Bartlett, Tenn.; Ab Germany, Decatur; Jeff Hitt, Union, and Dr. Shelby Harris.

Ab and Jim take advantage of every opportunity to cram for the Scholar's Bowl competition. Here they go over great composers from a Music Appreciation class.

"Susie," the college's anatomy figure provides invaluable help for Bethany and Cay.

Both students admitted to being complimented that they were selected to the team.

In addition to her interest in academics, Bethany enjoys being a member of the cheerleader squad.

Fashion Squad Mu Alpha Theta BSU Council

"The Whole Student" Is EC Concept

Working with the Fashion Squad gives me the opportunity to keep abreast of the latest fashions because the girls choose clothes to model that are in keeping with current trends. The Squad always comes through with a good performance, and I think they are good ambassadors for East Central.

Alice Pouncey
Fashion Squad Advisor

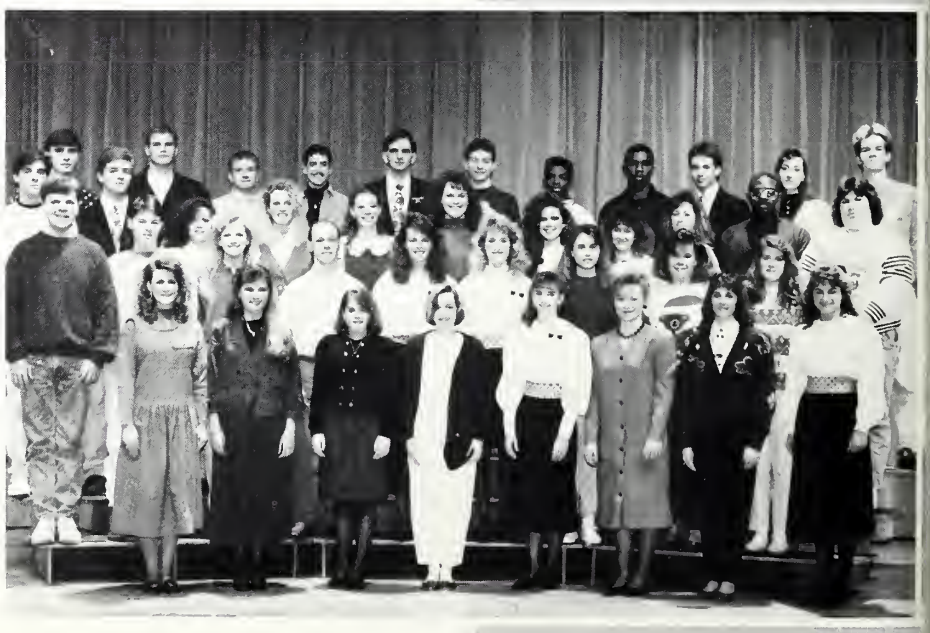
Three important organizations at EC are Mu Alpha Theta, the Fashion Squad and the Baptist Student Union.

Mu Alpha Theta is open to students who maintain a high academic average in mathematics and who exhibit an interest in mathematics. In an era when statistics indicate more and more students having difficulty in math, Mu Alpha Theta attempts to recognize students who excel in math and to bring attention to the study of higher math.

The Fashion Squad is open to students who are interested in modeling. These students must enroll in the Modeling Class and then try out for the squad. These models go out into the high schools of the area and present fashion shows and also perform on campus, including the show they present at the fall dinner theatre.

The BSU has a center across the street from the campus and offers daily activities and religious services for all students. The BSU sponsors a number of activities during the year to provide a Christian perspective for students. Tim Glaze directs the BSU activities.

The BSU Council was composed of: Alice Fairley, Secretary; Gayla Goodwin, President; (Standing) Mark Shaw, Evangelism; J. C. Howell, Publicity; John Sanders, Worship; Thomas Edwards, Fine Arts; Scott Cummins, Secretary; and Tim Glaze, Director.



MU Alpha Theta membership in 1990-91 was comprised of: (Front) Karla Munn, Sonya Lewis, Chasity Young, Natalie Wade, Lela Ladner, Tanya Aycox, Stacey Powers, Michelle Mitchell; (Row 2) Jeff Hitt, Shea Oakley, Connie Money, Kevin Winstead, Tam Cooper, Kim Griffin, Shelia Cook, Cindy Ferguson, Darlene Pate, (Row 3) Jim Holder, Ab Germany, Machelle Dunn, Sharman Jones, Sandra Collins, Kathy Jones, Angie Nicholson, Kim Cockrell, Robin Cole, Bobby Jenkins, Cay Clark, (Row 4) Scott McNair, Brian Killens, Ricky Cook, Devilin Huffman, Matt Strum, Dewayne McNair, Alex Hoye, Lamar Blalock, Rush Callahan, Jeania Little, and David Shaw.

Bridget Creed, a freshman Fashion Squad member from Louisville, models a dress she selected for her first show as a member of the Squad. Area merchants cooperate with the Squad by allowing them to borrow clothes and many offer discounts to Squad members who choose to purchase the clothes they model.'

The 1990-91 version of the EC Fashion Squad included: (Front) Angel Truhett, Twyla Kemp, Patsy Harris, Deanna Risher, Tonya Moore; (Row 2) Angie Alderman, Bethany Brantley, Machelle Everett, Christina Wood, Amy Fussell, Ginger Buckley; (Row 3) Michele Wade, Jones Steele, Tracy Stokes, Laura Johnson, Tam Cooper, Stacey Powers, and Tina Wilder. (Not pictured) Renessa Barton, Tonya Stowers, Linda Jones, Bridgette Creed, Deanna McNair, and Janet Vance.

LIFE
Phi Beta Lambda
Sigma Sigma Mu Tau

Special Interest Clubs Attract Students

"I am seriously concerned about the future of our environment. It is my hope that the LIFE presence on the campus this year might have made others a little more aware of their own personal obligation in the area of environmental protection."

Jeff Hitt, President
LIFE

Within the past few years, more and more people have become increasingly aware of the dangers to the environment.

This year a group of students got together and formed an environmental club called LIFE. Jeff Hitt of Union was elected as President of LIFE, and the group decided on the name which is an acronym for Leaders Investing in the Future of the Environment.

One project of the LIFE organization has been to collect aluminum cans and newspapers. While one minor purpose in collecting was to raise funds, the major purpose was to assist in cleaning up the environment and calling attention to the fact that every person on campus should be recycling to help assure the future of the environment.

Two other special interest clubs were Phi Beta Lambda for students interested in the different phases of the business world and Sigma Sigma Mu Tau for students who were majoring in any phase of science.

Charter members of LIFE were: (Front) Angela Anderson, Stephanie Dear, Sonya Lewis, Hank Harms, and Daphne Snow; (Back Row) Gayla Goodwin, Cay Clark, Jeff Hitt, Sean Thornton, Sandra Collins, and Dawn Alexander. Sponsor of the organization is Gail Wood.

Phi Beta Lambda members included: (Front) Machelle Dunn, Sharmon Jones, Randy Ferguson (President), Tammy Ferguson (Reporter), Pamela Belk (Parliamentarian), Martha Sibley (Secretary), and Lisa Cunningham; (Row 2) Debra Shoemaker, Lea Anne Anthony, Sondra Gould, Connie Money, Missy Joiner, Stacey Powers, Dena Stroud, and Linda Jones; (Row 3) Lisa Anderson, Sylvia Robertson, Tammy Griffin, Rita Warren, Shelia Hollingsworth, Jeannie Vance, and Jo Beth Tolbert; (Row 4) Tracy Adcock (Treasurer), Toretha Kidd, Brenda Ardd, Noel Sharp, Dewayne Hamrick (Historian), Amy Humphreys, Jay Kerr (Vice-President), Melinda McMullan, Becky Wheeler, and Renee Rawson.

Future nurse Tammy Rigdon grabs a soft drink on the run. A friendly smile and willingness to work, two characteristics that Tammy possesses, are basic requirements for being a successful nurse. Tammy is a member of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau.

The 1990-91 membership of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau was composed of: (Front) Jeania Little, Dawn Bradford, Tammy Rigdon, Stacy Williamson, Sherri Williamson, Amy Cumberland, and Michelle Mitchell; (Row 2) Nicole Flint, Sandra Collins, Renea Sandifer, Elizabeth Bell, Tonya Scott, Kristy Winstead, Patty Sims, and Lakeshia Harvey; (Row 3) Chris Little, Eddie Rutherford, Wade Wall, James Johnson, Billy Walker, Laura Johnson, Robin Cole, and Machelle Everett.

Phi Theta Kappa Newsome Hall Council Jackson Hall Council

Theta Xi Chapter National Leader in PTK

"Sponsoring Phi Theta Kappa is one of the most pleasurable aspects of my job. The students respond to any challenge, and it is a pleasure to go with them to meetings at other places and see how well EC students stack up against students from larger, more metropolitan areas."

Dr. Shelby Harris

Any visitor to the EC campus who is interested in talking with the academically "elite" might want to talk with Ann Burkes and Shelby Harris who sponsor the local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Phi Theta Kappa is a national honor society with chapters across the nation composed of students with high academic averages. However, Phi Theta Kappa is also a service organization, and the East Central chapter fulfilled that obligation in numerous ways. Each fall, PTK sells homecoming mums as both a service and a fundraising activity, and the chapter has adopted two miles of highway 15 to keep clean.

Theta Xi Chapter has hosted a number of regional meetings and during the summer of 1990 hosted a leadership conference with national officers present. "We felt it was a good experience because students from as far away as New York state got to see what college life in Mississippi is really like," Ann Burkes stated. "They left feeling very good about Mississippi and Mississippians."

Members of the Jackson Hall Dorm Council included: (Seated) Lynda Kelly and Cathie Jones; (Standing) Chastity Young, Susan McLauchlin, Lakeshia Harvey, and Misty Cornett.

The Newsome Hall Dorm Council was composed of: (Seated) Kim Griffin, President and Elizabeth Bell, Vice-President; (Standing) Angellia Smith, Annie Brown, Jones Steele, and Dawn Alexander.

Cheerleader, Scholar's Bowl Member, and member of Phi Theta Kappa, sophomore Bethany Brantley manages to stay busy. Extra-curricular activities are the "spice" which make college days memorable for students like Bethany.

Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa included in 1990-91: (Front) Karla Munn, Sonya Lewis, Kevin Winstead, Tonya Aycox, Tracy Weaver, Bridgett Futch; (Row 2) Amy Cumberland, Carolyn Haralson, Robin Cole, Becky Wheeler, Amy Alford, Bethany Brantley, Stacy Powers, Melody Myers; (Row 3) Scott McNair, Connie Money, Sandra Collins, Tonya Henry, Cay Clark, Gayla Goodwin, Dawn Alexander, Gaye Rose, Dawn Bradford, Michelle Everett; (Row 4) Brian Jones, Brian Killen, Jim Holder, Sean Thornton, Allen Boutwell, Andy Hardy, Billy Howell, and Billy Walker.

Student Education Association President's Council Warrior Corps

Future Leaders Play Major Roles on Campus

"Working with the Warrior Corps is a most rewarding experience. I am always encouraged by the brightness of the students. I leave each meeting with them feeling that our five counties will be in good hands in the future."

Gregg Jefcoat
Warrior Corps Sponsor

At the beginning of each school year, students are invited to apply to become members of the Warrior Corps, East Central's official hosts/hostesses group. In order to apply, the student must have a recommendation from a faculty member and from his high school counselor.

Following completion of the application, the candidate undergoes rigorous interviews with a faculty committee. This year more than sixty students applied with only 34 being accepted.

The three duties of the Warrior Corps include hospitality, recruiting, and hosting. Whenever an outside group meets on campus, members of the Warrior Corps can be found hosting them, but one of their most important functions is recruiting in the area high schools.

For the members of the Warrior Corps, their experiences provide them with exposure to situations that will prove invaluable in the future.

1990-91 members of the Student Education Association, sponsored by Lucille Wood, are: Donna Warren, Cindy Ferguson, Shelia Cook, Lela Ladner, Ashley Sanders, Tam Cooper (President); (Second Row) Annette Carter, Rachel Edwards, Angie Bounds, Tricia Mansfield, Dawn Alexander, Tonya Henry, Jones Steele; (Third Row) Ken McMullan, Jeff Hitt, Larry Duke, Phil Leone, Jason Gentry.

Members of the President's Council and the organization they represent are: Lynda Kelly (Jackson Hall), Jeff Hitt (LIFE), Sanda Collins (Phi Theta Kappa and President of the Council), Dr. Eddie M. Smith (President of the college), Dr. Phil Sutphin (Dean of Students), Gayla Goodwin (BSU), Amy Cumberland (Diamond Girls); (Second Row) Steve Tucker (Students in Free Enterprise), Bethany Jinkerson (Concert Choir), Glen Bell (Native American Organization), Dawn Alexander (Students Against Drunk Driving), Debra Shoemaker (New Directions), Kevin Winstead (Mu Alpha Theta), Kim Griffin (Band), Tam Cooper (Student Education Association), Bethany Brantley (Warrior Corps), Kristi Patrick (Football Cheerleaders), Barbara Haynes (Gospel Choir); (Back Row) Jay Kerr (Phi Beta Lambda), Mark Shaw (VICA), Jim Holder (Tom-Tom), Brent Fountain (ECCC Players), Mark Branning (Collegians), Ab Germany (Wo-He-Lo), Dewayne McNair (Alpha Alpha Epsilon), Machelle Everett (Student Body Association, Sigma Sigma Mu Tau and Fashion Squad), Brian Cooper (Sophomore Class).

Sponsor Gregg Jefcoat (standing) addresses the Warrior Corps members at their opening banquet and orientation session. Jefcoat stresses to members that the impression they leave with groups who visit the campus will be the impression people of the college carry away.

Members of he 1990-91 Warrior Corps pose for their official photograph. They are: Tammie Rigdon, Amy Fussell, Ginger Buckley, Michelle Mitchell, Jana Fanning, Amy Cumberland, Bethany Brantley, Angie Nicholson, Lela Ladner, Pam Gilmer, and Patty Sims; (Second Row) Chris Little, Brandy White, Kim Grifiln, Christina Wood, Tam Cooper, Machelle Everett, Melanie Wilcher, Amy Alford, and Kristi Patrick; (Third Row) Billy Howell, Ab Germany, John Fleming, Andy Hardy, Jay Kerr, Chad Driskell, Rush Callahan, Hal Land, Chad Harrison, Matt Strum, and Bubba Pierce.

VICA Wo-He-Lo Tom-Tom

"Working on the TOM-TOM has been an interesting and challenging experience. It has forced me to keep in contact with a wide range of people and has tested my skills with the English language."
Ty Jankowski
Freshman TOM-TOM Reporter

VICA, EC's Largest Club, Sets High Goals

With more than 100 members, the VICA Club (Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America) is by far the largest organization on campus. And it is also one of the most active.

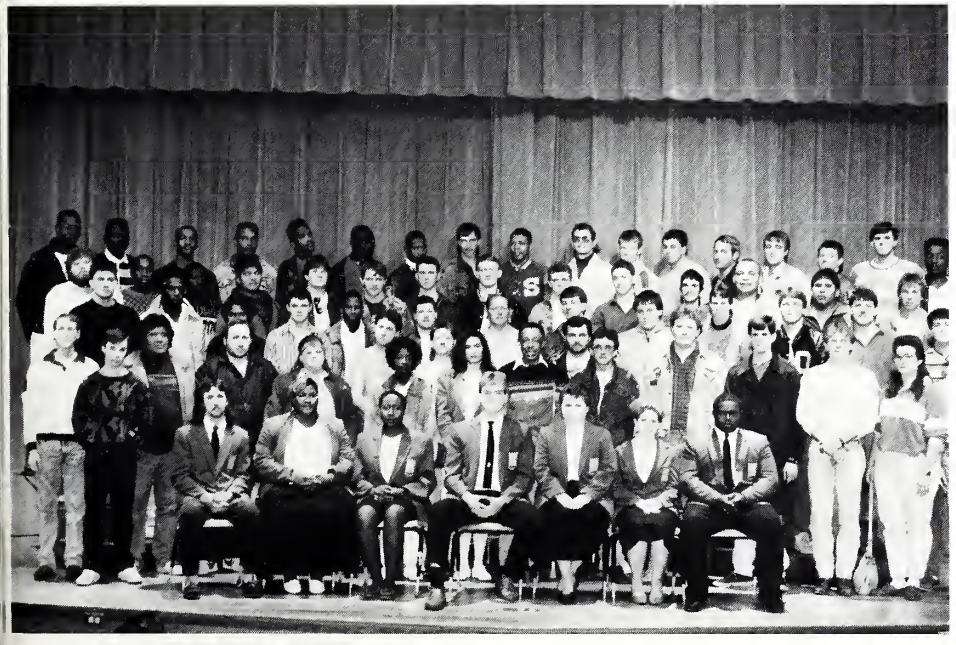
During the 1990-91 school year, the VICA Club co-sponsored the annual blood drive as it has been doing for years and continued its participation in the highway cleanup program by being responsible for cleaning two miles of highway.

The VICA Club operated the concession stands at all home football games in order to make money to send EC students to state and national competition in the spring. East Central VICA competitors have traditionally done well in competition and last year had eight students who won at the state level and advanced to national competition.

Two other organizations which aren't very "visible" on campus but which make significant contributions are the WO-HE-LO and TOM-TOM staffs. The WO-HE-LO staff produces the yearbook, and the TOM-TOM staff is responsible for the school newspaper which comes out monthly.

Responsible for putting out the newspaper were these members of the TOM-TOM staff: (Front) John Fleming, Wanda Breedlove, Jeff Hitt, and Scott Cummins; (Back) Ty Jankowski, Dr. Jeff Smith, Jim Holder and Andy Hardy. Not pictured: Brett Tucker, Del Crocker, David LeBlanc, Kim Wedgeworth, and Shane Sullivan

Yearbook staff members are: (Front) Carol Vickers (Sponsor), Regina Craddock, Stephanie Dear, Ab Germany (Editor); (Back) Darlene Pate, Melanie Wilcher, and Twyla Kemp. Not pictured: AnneMarie Parker, Alison Lawrence, and Wesley Fairley.



VICA Club members Ken Humphreys, (in white shorts), Chad Fieber and Kirt Doss wait in line with other VICA members at the second annual fall cookout. Held at the Legion Hut, the cookout involves not only students and faculty members but members of the business community.

VICA Club Officers (seated) for the year included: Robert Brunson, parliamentarian; Wendy Johnson, Chaplain; Ethel Barnes, Treasurer; Mark Shaw, President; Sharon Taylor, Reporter; Cindy McMinn, Secretary; and Ray Porter, Historian. Not pictured: Eddie Holmes, Vice-President.

Students in Free Enterprise Alpha Alpha Epsilon New Directions

Diversity is Key to Organizations

"I have felt the support of other older students who are returning to college, and it has meant a great deal to me. I've made so many good friends, and we have leaned on one another."

Patsy Bryan
New Directions

New Directions, Students in Free Enterprise, and Alpha Alpha Epsilon are three organizations which offer students with varying interests the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities.

New Directions is a loosely-organized support group for non-traditional students; Students in Free Enterprise is an organization of students who are planning to major in some phase of business and are interested in learning more about the American system of free enterprise. Alpha Alpha Epsilon is for those students who are majoring in Engineering.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon is one of the oldest organizations on campus and meets monthly to have programs concerning careers in engineering.

Non-traditional students enjoying the support of New Directions included: (Front) Lisa McCoy, Rita Warren, and Debra Shoemaker (President); (Back) Catherine Henry, Patsy Bryan, Frankie Sullivan, Lori Burt, and Diane Marler.

Members of Students in Free Enterprise were: Annie Brown, Allen Boutwell, Gay Chamblee, Jay Kerr, Machelle Dunn, (Back Row) Laurie Glaze (Sponsor), Tracy Henley, Angie Alderman, Sean Thornton, Sharmon Jones, and Paige Warren. Sean Thornton is President; Machelle Dunn is Vice-President; and Steve Tucker (not pictured) is Secretary.

Warrior football team member and Alpha Alpha Epsilon member Brent Bailey appears a little dazed as he takes a breather during a game. Juggling football practice with the tough schedule of an engineering major left little time for Brent to do anything else.

Alpha Alpha Epsilon, "The Engineers," included the following members: Dewayne McNair, Morris Johnson, Monica Jones, Angelia Anderson, Dexter Thornton, Ricky Cook; (2nd Row) Jason Smith, David Shaw, Ron Fisher, Brian Cooper, Brent Bailey, Delvin Huffman; (3rd Row) Darrin Pickett, Kevin Winstead, Al Rigdon, Paul Evans, Lamar Blalock, James Hoye. Not pictured: Brooks Barrier, Rush Callahan, Jamie Champion, Joey Coghlan, Randall Germany, Bobby Jenkins, Richard Luke, Mike Rawson, Richie Rivers, Chris Thompson, Wyatt Williams

Native American Organization ECCC Players Club Students Against Drunk Driving

Clubs Offer Challenges

East Central's student body is so diverse that it is not surprising that a wide variety of organizations must be available.

None are more diverse than those pictured on these pages. The Native American Organization was organized two years ago to offer a means of letting native American students get together to discuss mutual interests, concerns and problems.

The SADD Chapter was organized this year in response to an interest among students in helping stamp out drug and alcohol use. The ECCC Players are among the oldest groups on campus, having been organized in the 1950s.

"It has been such a pleasure for me to work with the EC Players this year. As a new director, I was apprehensive, and I'm sure they were too, but it didn't take us long to get acquainted."

Judy Carroll
ECCC Players Club

SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) members are: Frances Graham, (sponsor), Daphne Snow, Linda Kelly, Dawn Alexander, Vicky Cumberland; (Second Row) Shannon Jackson, Tammie Walker, Annette Carter, Gayla Goodwin, and Jennifer Barnes.

Native American Organization members are: Glenn Bell (President), Annette Lewis, Jennifer Henry, Michelle Griffins, Kimball Willis; (Second Row) Gabriel Thompson, Randy Anderson, Mark Patrick, Johnny Williams, and Alan John. Not pictured: Monica Sam (Secretary), Rhonda Farmer (Treasurer), and Gloria Johnson (Adviser).

As a part of SADD's activities to make students aware of the dangers of drugs, members of the basketball team wore "Student Athletes Detest Drugs" stickers at all home games. Paula Nash, April Hendron, and Brookes Smith hold the poster proclaiming that EC athletes do indeed detest drugs.

Members of the EC Players Club are: (Front Row) Sandra Collins, Sydney Leonard, Pamila Gilmer, Brent Fountain, Annette Lewis; (Second Row) Judy Carroll, Tracy Weaver, Jim Holder, Stacy Williamson, Andy Hardy; (Third Row) Chris Edwards, Michael Duke, Dwayne Till, and Jennifer Henry.

Leading by Example

SBA and Class Officers

To the average student it might seem that the SBA and class officers don't do very much, but these are among the busiest students on campus.

These are the people who assist in organizing every student activity that takes place: dances, elections, talent shows, and mall activities all come under their coordination.

Few people realize the time that being a good officer requires; but according to Dean of Students Phil Sutphen, SBA officers spend several hours each week in planning and executing campus events.

"Being elected President of the Sophomore Class was the highest honor I could have received." - Brian Cooper

Sophomore Class Officers for 1990-91 include: Gay Chamblee, Secretary; Brian Cooper, President; and Karla Munn, Treasurer. Not pictured is Brett Tucker, Vice-President.

Tim Watkins served as President of the Freshman Class along with (Front, right) Clarence White, Vice-President; Kim Griffin, Treasurer; and Nikki Griffin, Secretary

The SBA President is traditionally called upon to do many things. President Chris Little helps serve up boiled shrimp at the first EC "Shrimpfest" with a little help from classmate David LeBlanc.

Assisting SBA President Chris Little are Michelle Mitchell, Vice-President; Machelle Everett, Secretary; and Pamila Gilmer, Treasurer. In addition to their duties in a wide variety of organizations, the SBA officers spend a great deal of time helping to organize student activities.

The end of the school year ordinarily is a bitter-sweet time for students. For those who are graduating, it is a time to look forward to new challenges in the future, while saying goodbye to good friends. For those students who will return in the fall, the end of the year includes the promise of a summer vacation, but also three months of being away from the new friends they have made.

Whether they are going to work, going on to a university, or spending the summer at the swimming pool, it is only natural that students look forward to going in some new directions after a year of study.

ARA Food Service Manager Chris Servis (back to camera) serves up hamburgers at a springtime cookout. Fall and spring evenings offer the chance for some meals to be served on the East Mall, a welcome change for everyone.

Seeking New Directions

Assessing the Future and

Taking "New Directions"

The average age of students has gone up in each of the past several years at East Central. The reason for this? More and more "older" students are returning to the classroom.

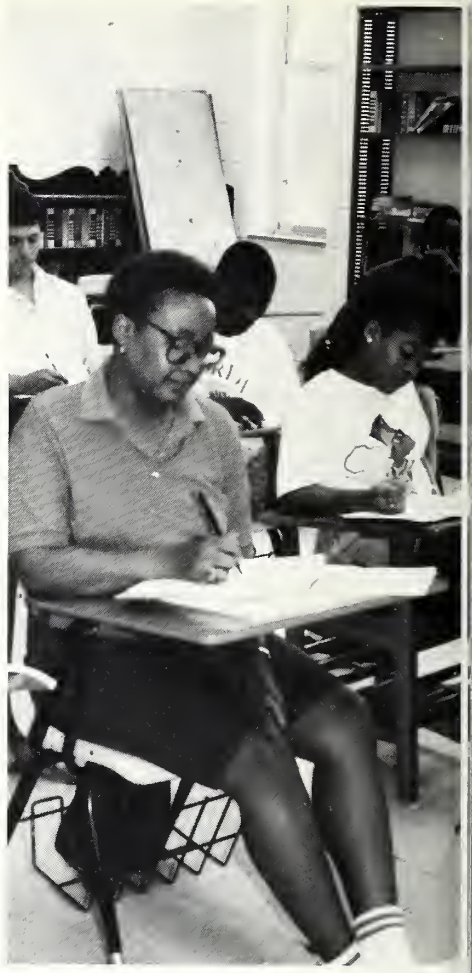
To stay in step with this trend, a new organization was formed on the campus in 1989-90. "New Directions" is a loosely-organized group which is composed of students who have been out of school for at least three years.

Most of the non-traditional students at East Central are mothers of young children who are returning to school to fulfill dreams which they put on hold when they married and started families.

"It's not easy," said Judy Palmer of Louisville. "Getting the children off in the morning as well as myself sometimes is almost too much."

All of the students who meet for sandwiches, study and visiting agree that it has been comforting to find other students like themselves. "Sometimes we don't even talk; we just sit quietly for the few free minutes," Frankie Sullivan, also from Louisville, confessed. "But knowing you're not in this going back to school effort alone is really comforting."

Debra Shoemaker of Decatur, a housewife and mother of a middle school aged daughter, was elected president of "New Directions" for 1990-91.



Catherine Henry, a widowed mother of an elementary aged daughter from Newton, returned to school to prepare herself for an occupation after years of being at home.

Carpool partners Lori Burt, Frankie Sullivan, and Judy Palmer of Louisville have to be in Decatur at 8 a.m. three mornings a week. That's a roundtrip of a hundred miles, a lot of time to study, plan, and talk about family.

Katha Cammack and Lois Moseley hurry to an early class in Newton Hall. Both of these non-traditional students are from Hickory. Katha is majoring in physical therapy, while Lois is a pre-nursing major.

A music for teachers class with instructor Leesa Lee (standing) helps prepare elementary teachers. Patsy Bryan (foreground), Lisa McCoy, and Jan Robinson all look forward to being out of college and in the classroom.

"It's really scary competing with eighteen-year-olds," Annie Smith confides. Fellow classmates Isaac McKay, Scottie Sullivan, and Tracy Fortune work alongside Mrs. Smith.

Snatching a few minutes from a busy schedule, Frankie Sullivan looks over notes for a test. Frankie is among the growing number of non-traditional students returning to East Central.

Baseball coach Jamie Clark peeps over the shoulder of Student Services Secretary, Audrey, who is also his wife.

A rare opportunity to get together on campus comes at a committee meeting for Ricky and June Vaughn and Lou and Chester Clark.

The Deatons and Vickers share a lighter moment in the faculty lounge. Three of the foursome take directions from 36-year veteran Vickers.

Off on a short walk, band director Tom Carson leads Ann and L.B. Bullock and Carson's wife Brenda. The Bullocks are in their second year at East Central.

Headed in the Same Direction

Nine Faculty Couples Work Together at EC

"We don't see one another much during the day, but it's a good feeling knowing he's nearby." This remark by Admissions Office secretary Lou Clark concerning working for the same organization as her husband Chester seems to sum up the feelings of the nine married couples who work for East Central.

The arrangement seems to work well although one couple admitted that getting off at exactly the same time in the morning is sometimes a problem.

Athletic Director and football coach A. J. Kilpatrick gets a little help from wife Versie, who manages the EC Bookstore.

Math instructor Lois McMullan gives support to husband Raymond, EC's Director of Admissions, Records and Research.

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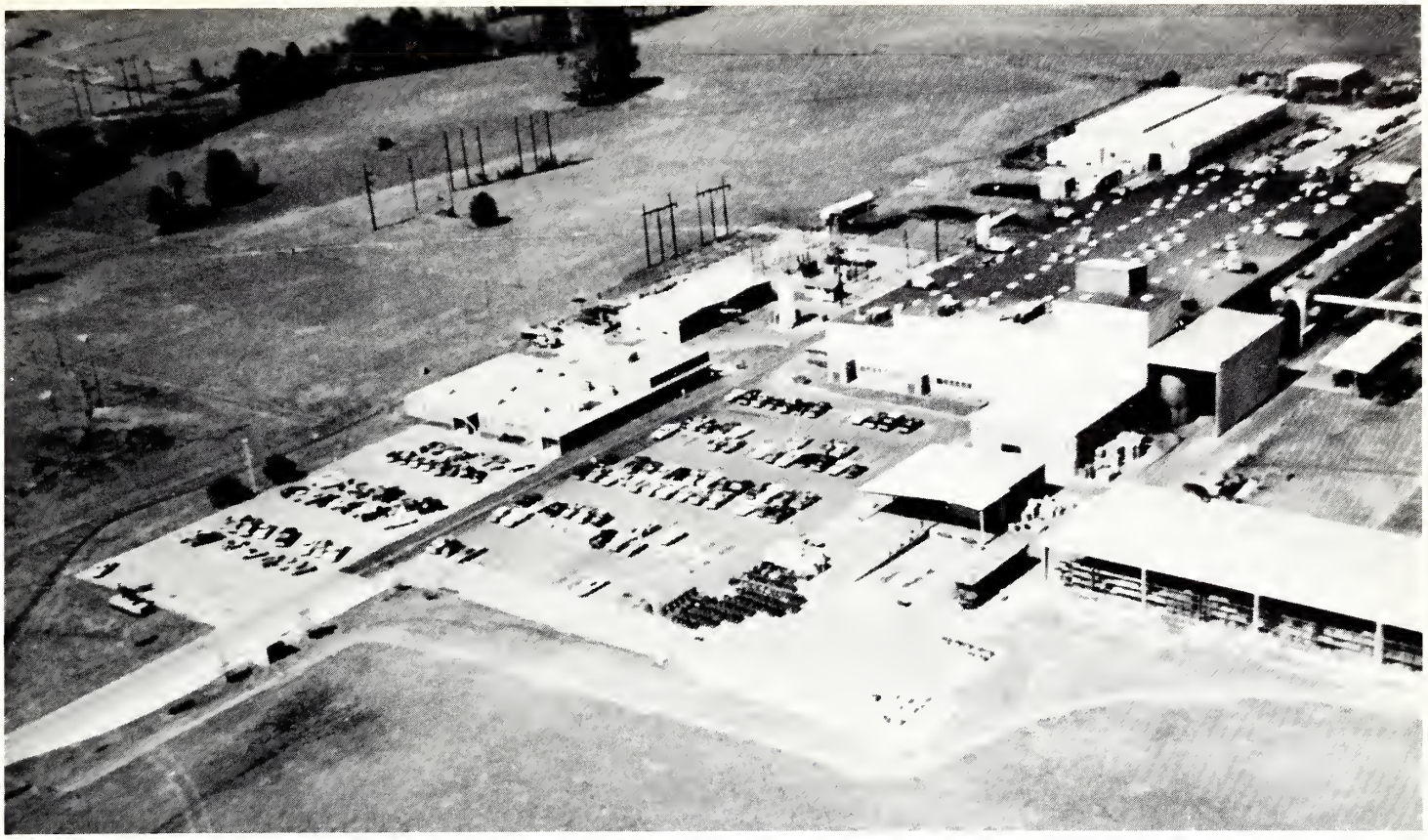

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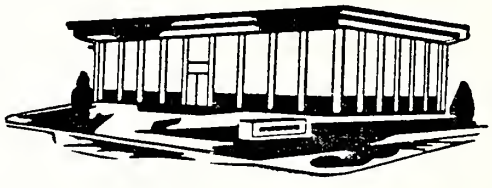

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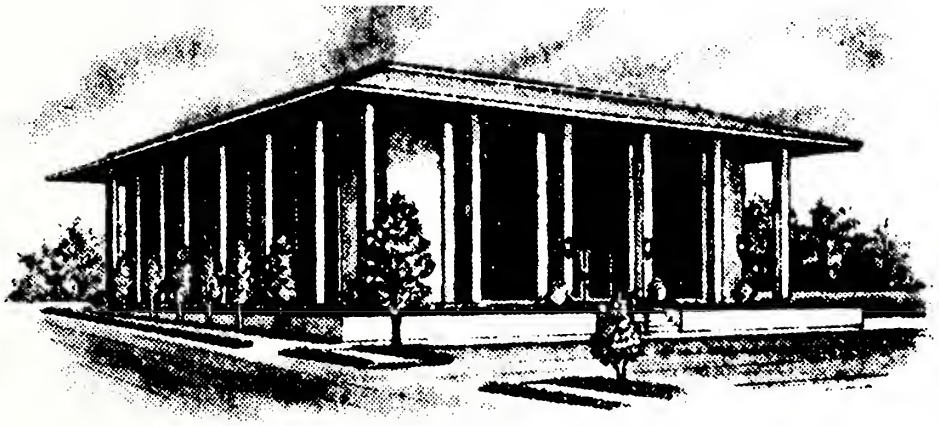

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Pep rallies, bonfires, Christmas formal, cookouts ... the list could go on and on. Starting with the first week of school, hardly a day goes by at East Central that there is not some special activity taking place.

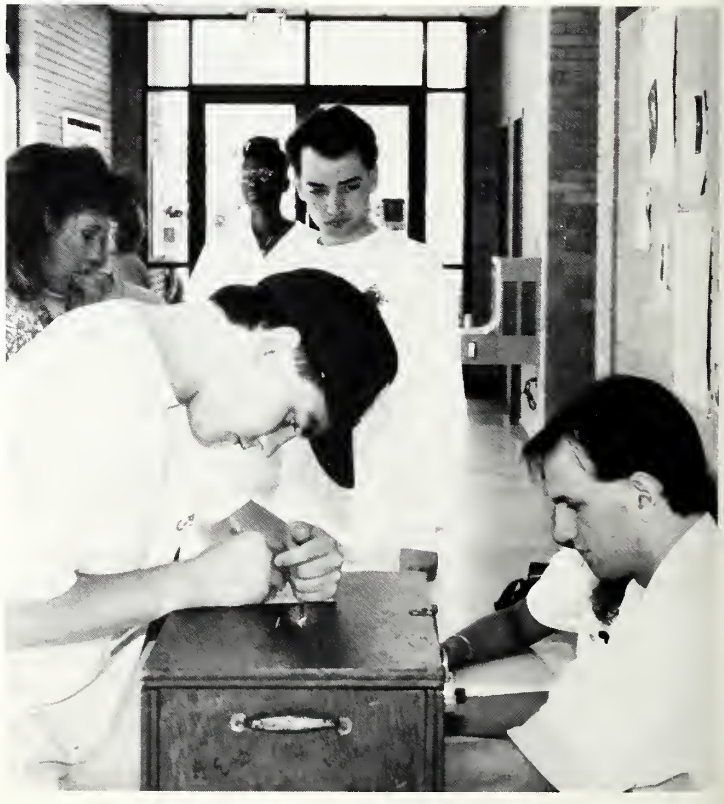
Adhering to the philosophy that it should develop "the whole student," East Central attempts to provide a wide variety of activities for students to choose from and to participate in.

Just in the area of dances, there are several chances each year for students to "get down" to their favorite music. There is the homecoming dance, the Halloween dance, the Christmas formal, the valentine dance, and the end of the year dance, plus additional ones from time to time.

Elections are another activity which offer a chance to be involved. Starting with Homecoming elections in the fall and ending with SBA officer elections in the spring, the election committee stays busy. Second semester each year always sees the election of Mr. and Miss EC and Class Favorites.

Occasionally, the SBA will sponsor a movie in Newton Hall, offering a first-run movie. This year, there was also a crawfish boil, two talent shows, a hypnotist show, the Collegians two concerts, the beauty pageant, plus basketball, football, and baseball games. And if one found himself with some free time, the activities center was open from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. with everything from pool to weight lifting available.

With all of the choices, the biggest problem many students had was in deciding which activities they wanted to participate in and how to work them into their study schedule.



Matt Strum stops on the way to lunch to vote in one of EC's several elections. Brett Tucker, a member of the Election Committee, mans the polls.

Marcus Beason concentrates on making the right moves at a school dance held in the cafeteria. Behind Marcus, Apryl Hendon dances with a partner hidden behind Marcus.

"Is it shrimp or is it crawfish?" Jared Beiriger from St. Amant, La. should know the difference, unlike his new friends here in East Central Mississippi.

Freshman Brandy White of Philadelphia watches apprehensively as she participates in the most important activity of all — registering for class.

1990-91 School Year Took Unusual Directions

Prior to the 1990-91 school year, very few East Central students had ever heard of Kuwait; and if they had, it was only as a small Middle Eastern country which produced a lot of oil.

But by November, Kuwait, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia became very real places to every person on campus; and on January 16 as war began, all eyes were on television sets.

The school year passed quickly, and like all school years students will remember the highlights which made the year memorable. They will remember that there was a record enrollment of 1,372 students in the fall semester; they will remember that Michelle Mitchell was elected Homecoming Queen; and they will remember that the new speech and theatre director Judy Carroll presented two successful productions.

Students will relive memories they made at East Central in 1990-91, and those memories will last a lifetime. Although the year passed too rapidly, and in retrospect it seems like a blur of people, events, and sounds, to those who experienced it, the year will always be special.

The school year at East Central culminates in May each year with three major events: the spring dance, Spring Spree, and graduation. Spring Spree offers a time for students to form together into loose teams and compete in funny, and sometimes ridiculous events, just for the fun of it. In contrast to Spring Spree, the year ends with the solemn and meaningful graduation ceremonies.

Sophomore Jim Holder appears to have developed some problems with his sack in the Spring Spree sack race. Not only has his sack torn up, but he has lost his partner.

Kristi Patrick, a sophomore from Leake Academy, made the ultimate sacrifice as a cheerleader and allowed a fellow student to pelt her with pies.

As a delighted crowd looks on, sophomore Bethany Brantley attempts to better her opponent by knocking her off the log into the dreaded mud pit.

Murphy Thompson goes over some rules with Stacey Williamson, Robin Hall and Pam Pruitt at the beginning of the year. Murphy was visiting in Newsome Hall to give the girls a hand as the year began.

Homecoming Queen Michelle Mitchell and her escort Scott Sumerall are presented in the archway at the annual Homecoming dance as other members of the Homecoming court look on.

Freshman cheerleader Kim Shirley from Forest gives it her best at a mall pep rally, one of several during football season.

A group of students do as they are told (Since they are hypnotized) and bend over to touch the floor during the annual hypnotist show, a presentation of the SBA.

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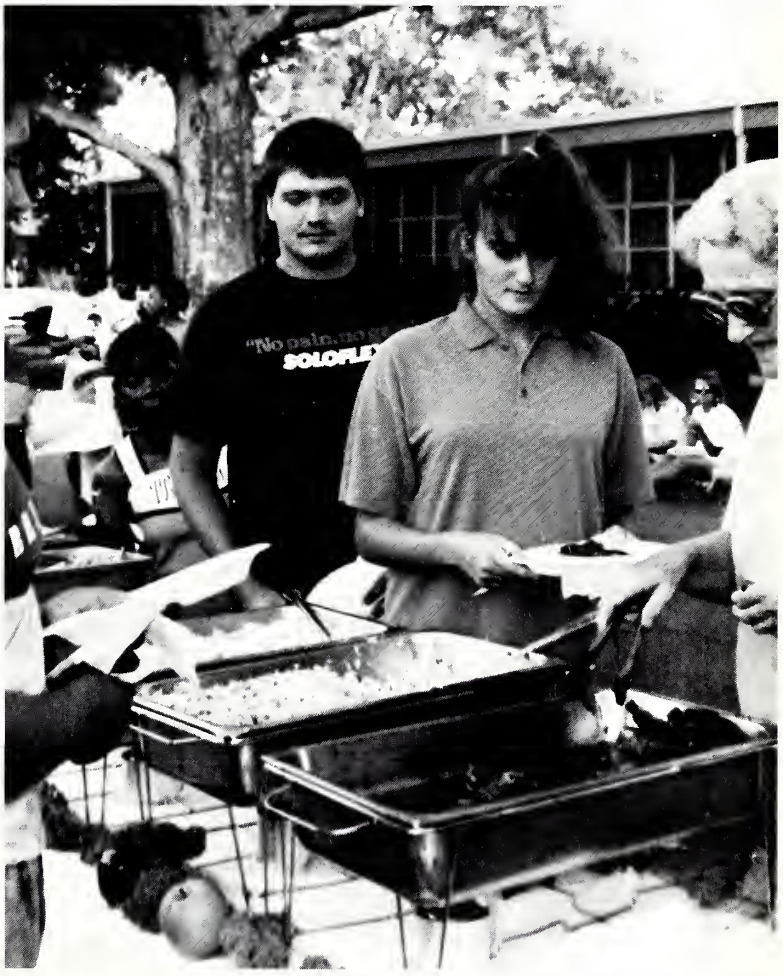

Tiny Ocean Moore peers around fellow students Paul Evans and Nicole Flint to see what the entree of the day is. Eating the evening meal on the East Mall gives a break from the same routine of eating in the cafeteria every day.

Female Michael Jordan? Maybe! Apryl Hendon, a freshman basketball player from Union slam dunks the roundball "with a little help from her friends." Although Apryl is only 5'2", that didn't stop her from being one of EC's most promising basketball players. Unfortunately, an injury in late January brought Apryl's season to an early halt.

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"Together forever and always" is the motto of sophomores Jodie Wilkes and Ralph Duran, two Winston County students who have been a familiar couple on the East Central campus for two years. No one can say for certain if the two voted alike, however.

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In the fall of 1990, EC art instructor Bruce Guraedy painted this picture of the Warrior, with a limited edition of prints being sold to raise funds for Huff Auditorium renovation. Later, the Board of Trustees voted to accept Guraedy's painting as the official painting of The Warrior. The painting will hang in Burton Library as a symbol of the spirit of East Central for present and future generations to enjoy.

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In order to teach every phase of carpentry involved in building a house, Larry Blackburn's carpentry class, during the fall semester, builds complete houses. An individual who wishes to have a house built by the class furnishes all materials and supplies, and labor is provided by the 30-member class. Six houses have been completed by the class.

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Making The Deadline

It was cold — the first wintry day of the year. The yearbook staff was huddled in its little room, bemoaning the fact that the pictures they needed had not come. Nobody had an idea for the organizations pages, and the deadline was the next day.

"I wish I could just run away," one brilliant staffer whimpered.

"Great idea!" chimed in another. And before you could say, "It's a cold, cruel world," plans had been made to meet at 3 p.m. with all worldly possessions in tow.

Trudging to the nearby railroad, the motley group sat down to wait for a freight train to come. "Anybody know how to hop a freight?" wise old sophomore Ab Germany asked. From the silence, he assumed the answer was no, and he thus proposed an alternate plan.

"Great idea!" sophomore Twyla Kemp, the only other wise sophomore, chimed in. "Let's catch a ride on an eighteen wheeler."

Soon the group was braving the cold gusts of wind whipped up by the passing vehicles. "I wonder why nobody will pick us up," innocent freshman AnneMarie pondered. "You don't think it's the way we look, do you?"

"It may be your boots that's scaring them off," Wesley observed.

"Wise observation!" Ab commented. "If we weren't running away, you might become a wise sophomore next year."

"I'm cold," Melanie Wilcher complained.

"Could be your shorts," Alison Lawrence and Darlene Pate said simultaneously.

"Well, nobody told me the world was going to be cold and cruel; I always wear shorts to class," Melanie cried.

"Let's build a fire," someone suggested. And for a little while, the sad group huddled around the fire — until the wind blew the smoke into their faces.

"I'd rather be working on the yearbook," a voice choked, amid much coughing.

"What will people think if the yearbook doesn't come out in the spring? Twenty years from now, our children won't even know about our years at East Central! We need to go back!

Everybody jumped up, now smiling happily, and raced toward the campus, AnneMarie in her boots trailing somewhat behind. "Hurry, everyone. WE CAN DO IT! WE'LL MAKE THAT DEADLINE!"

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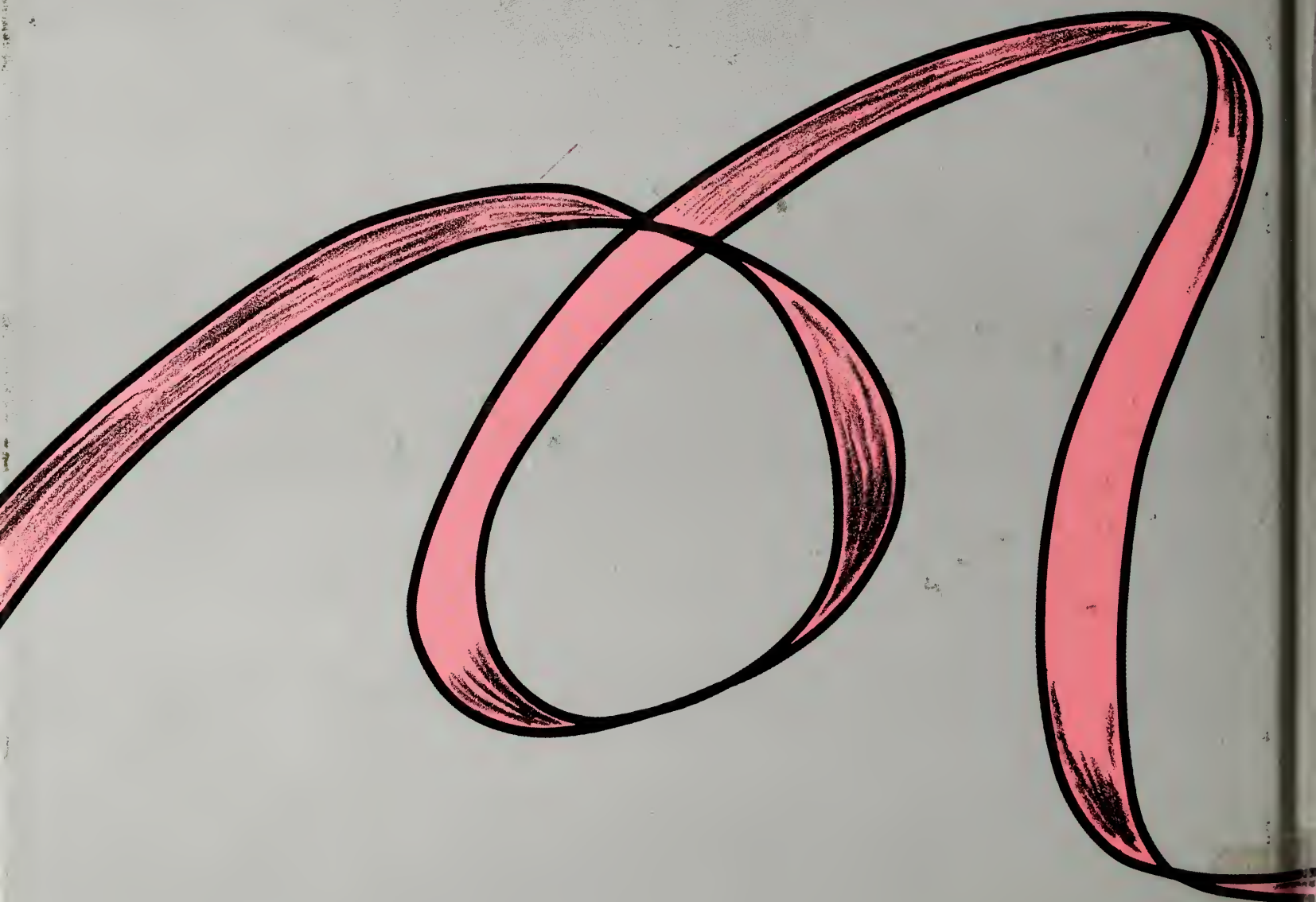

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